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## Sports Gauchos beat Pinole Valley [C1]

## Inside Public invited to groundbreaking for new Albany High School [A3]



ALBANY POLICE Lt. Bill Palmiini stands in the evidence room where the contents of an arsenal discovered Saturday covers the floor.

# Arms find jolts tranquil street

By James Carter

ALBANY—A blue wood-frame house stands tall and proud on Albany Terrace, smack in the middle of a charming neighborhood right out of an era when kids played baseball and neighbors joined together for weekend barbecues.

Steep steps lead up to the home, a cord of wood neatly stacked beside it. A carved wood sign attached to the house reads "Konig"—the type of sign carved by teens in a woodshop class or at a summer camp.

A short walk away is Terrace Park, a bucolic sanctuary with sandboxes, play structures, trees and grassy lawns. The park is a well-kept secret, hidden in a labyrinth of streets as difficult to navigate as a Chinese box puzzle.

All in all, it's safe to say the Terrace Park neighborhood is as peaceful as a country road.

But that peace was shattered at 10:10 p.m. last Saturday, when Albany police received reports of what some citizens described as gunshots—others said it was an explosion—at 7512 Albany Terrace.

And it wasn't the first time the serenity of the neighborhood was disturbed.

Within minutes of Saturday night's reports, three police cars arrived at the scene. Officers were greeted by 54-year-old Lauren Moret, who stood outside on the front porch.

According to the police report, Moret said that prior to the horrendous bang, Ray Konig, the owner of the house, "had this look in his eyes." It frightened her. And Moret knew Konig pretty well, she said. She was his girlfriend.

So Moret had stepped outside into the

cool evening air, she told police. Moments later, there was the blast, one heard nearly a mile away.

Saturday night was not the first time police responded to a call at the Konig household. According to Detective Bill Palmiini, on April 22, 1989, a man named Thomas O'Neill shot himself while in a camper parked in Konig's driveway. The coroner's office labeled the death a suicide committed under suspicious circumstances.

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## Greenway expansion, improvements envisioned

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Some people walk the rough and trash-strewn Central Richmond Greenway trail from Baxter Creek in El Cerrito into Richmond and see its faults. Others walk the same trail and see its possibilities.

More than a dozen people, including candidates for both the Richmond and El Cerrito City Councils, walked together last weekend along the unimproved section of the greenway that begins at the Richmond-El Cerrito border and goes west to First Street in Richmond.

This section of the trail, an abandoned

Santa Fe Railway corridor currently owned by the city of Richmond, was described as the "missing link" in a trail system that proponents hope will one day connect the Ohlone and Central Richmond greenways to the San Francisco Bay Trail.

The trail is about 2.5 miles long and

much of its length appears to receive minimal, if any, civic attention.

Homeless camps, with piles of old newspaper and clothes and makeshift plastic tents are evident in places along the greenway. Hikers were greeted by

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## Pool issue raises turf questions

New task force has short time to 'explore financing'

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Wanting something is easy. Paying for it can strain pocket-books, marriages and city budgets.

At last week's City Council meeting, the council unanimously voted to approve a \$4.9 million plan to reconstruct the swim center. They also voted unanimously to appoint a five-person task force to, according to the motion, "explore financing issues including the pool and other potential city facility needs including roads."

Called the "public facilities task force" in this week's City Council calendar, the group is supposed to report back to the council on Oct. 18, with an eye to a possible

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## School district, teachers reach pact

By Tony Mercado

The West Contra Costa Unified School District reached a tentative pact Wednesday with union leaders representing its 1,900 teachers, after nearly a year of heated negotiations over salaries.

Officials with the United Teachers of Richmond declined to release terms of the deal pending approval by a state trustee assigned to oversee the district's finances. It's not clear whether the deal comes close to the 8 percent raise union leaders had wanted.

District trustees budgeted for a 2 percent teacher salary increase this year. Anything higher could mean more cuts to the district's \$200 million budget.

Marta Dragos, president of the union, would only say she is "satisfied" with the deal, given the district's tight finances.

"We always try to do the best we can

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## Tri-City Safety Day returns Saturday

EL CERRITO — The 16th annual Tri-City Safety Day, a fun and educational event that is a favorite with area families, is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the El Cerrito Plaza. The jaws of life demonstration and the arrival of the state's "air ambulance" helicopter are just two highlights of the event.

The event, sponsored by the Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington fire departments and the El Cerrito Plaza Merchants Association, allows the public to meet and in-

teract with safety personnel from the various participating organizations that will educate and demonstrate safety procedures.

Agencies participating this year include: El Cerrito Police Bike Patrol, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, BART Police and K-9 Unit, NEAT (El Cerrito's Neighborhood Emergency Action Team); El Cerrito, Albany, and Richmond fire departments; University of California Police Department, East Bay Regional Parks Fire Department, Richmond Police Department and El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee.

The event will include demonstrations of the Richmond Police K-9 Unit, Cal Star Air Ambulance (Helicopter), Jaws of Life, fingerprinting for kids, free bicycle licensing, bike rodeo sponsored by El Cerrito Police. There will also be appearances by Smokey the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog.

## Journal moving to Friday publication

In the past year The Journal has been through some major changes. New ownership last summer. A complete redesign and reorganization of the contents this year. Now another change is on the horizon that we think will work well for readers.

The Journal, which has been published on Thursdays for the past 12 years, will move to Friday publication as of the Oct. 8 issue.

The later deadline allows a greater opportunity to include each week's news more comprehensively, as well as providing a look at what is coming up in the

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STEVE MASLANKA

## Cleanup with a message

IN ADDITION to helping clean the Albany shore at Saturday's cleanup event, these volunteers also left a message for others to ponder. Story: page A3

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## WORTH CHECKING OUT

### Candidates' night

A City Council candidates' night will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. by the El Cerrito Democratic Club at the Northminister Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave.

### Memorial scholarship benefit

EL CERRITO — The Kevin D. Poole Memorial Scholarship Foundation invites you to attend its 14th annual scholarship benefit, Saturday, September 25, from 1-8 p.m. This year's benefit will be held at the home of Kevin's father, Surry Poole, 880 South Regatta, Vallejo, (707) 557-6962. Kevin, the late son of Jeremie Poole/Smith and Surry Poole was a 1982 graduate of Kennedy High School. He lost his footing during a fishing expedition in Byron, June 22, 1985. Since his untimely death, family and friends of the family have donated toward scholarship benefits given in his memory. Scholarships for the 1999 school year were awarded to Derek Ford, De Anza High; Bryan Lam, El Cerrito High; Hok Hei Tam, Pinola Valley High; Yalda Asmaty, Logan High; Union City; Christine Nuval, Logan High and Jolex Pilar, both of Vallejo. The amounts of \$500 and/or \$1,000 each will be sent to the university of their choice this fall. Live music, entertainment and a full course dinner will be

the order of the day. Donations may be mailed to: Kevin D. Poole Memorial Scholarship Foundation, 6624 Hagen Blvd., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

### Library book sale

Friends of the Kensington Library is having a "Book Sale" with lots of new and used books, and children's books on Sunday, October 3 from noon to 3 p.m. behind the Kensington Library at 61 Arlington Avenue in Kensington. We will have records, foreign language books, paperbacks, collectors' items, books on tape, arts and sciences, computer texts, videos, cookbooks and reference books. Details: 524-3043.

### Friends of Albany Hill

Friends of Albany Hill 1999-2000 Urban Forestry Work Season begins Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This begins the fifth year of monthly restoration projects under the advisement of Dr. Barbara Enter, botanist and Collections Manager of the University and Jepson Herbarium, Robert Langston, Society of American Lepidopterists, and Carole Fitzgerald, artist and instructor at City College of San Francisco, and project manager. Work to be done by the volunteers of the "Friends of Albany Hill" includes: German and English ivy, French broom, Himalayan blackberry, Oxalis, and non-

native grass removal. Join neighbors from Albany, El Cerrito, Kensington, Berkeley, and Richmond Annex in managing and maintaining vegetation and wildlife habitats. Meet at the Jackson Street turnaround on the northern side of Albany Hill. Sturdy shoes, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, work gloves, required to participate. Bring pruners and clippers. Adults must accompany children. Details: Hortensia Chang or John Nelson at 528-8369 or Carole Fitzgerald at 528-5236. Fall work schedule is Sept. 25, Oct. 30, and Nov. 20.

### Cub Scout registration

Open registration for Albany Cub Scouts is being held on Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Boys from first through fifth grade are welcome to join. Parents wanting information can feel free to drop in at Veterans Building at Memorial Park in Albany.

### Sign up for Martial Arts

Albany's Recreation and Community Services Department, 1249 Marin Ave. is taking registration for its martial arts program. Aikido classes for children are Monday-Friday from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Aikido for Adults is held Monday thru Friday from 6 p.m. Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. Karate for Adults is held Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m. thru 9 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Details: 524-9283.

## Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

And she adds, "I really like it. It's a fascinating job" and she is good at it.

Jacki says when she read things in English that she had read in Korean, she realized how poor the translations were. She was particularly aware of it when she read Agatha Christie in English. That, and the emphasis her father had always put on language and books, has helped her, she says, to be a better interpreter.

It is important to be honest (if you don't know something, you tell them), know your limits. If you feel you cannot do the job, let the client know at once, rather than go on and do a poor job.

Jacki interprets in court proceedings, technical training sessions, in hospitals, doctor's offices and clinics. She even interpreted at a triple murder trial in Louisiana. She works in advertising, business, computer manuals and legal documents, medical records, health education and speeches. She does simultaneous interpretation and sight translations. She speaks to groups, does counseling to Korean immigrants, as well as other Asian immigrants, and has even worked on video scripts and state department papers. She learns all she can about the subject she will be working with. After the work in the murder trial, one of the attorneys told Jacki she was the perfect interpreter. "You can even interpret their tears," he said.

Jacki Joh's TransKorean Services can be reached by telephone at 510-527-6700, or by email: jackinoh@compuserve.com.

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### LOCAL CLINIC PARTICIPATING IN GLOBAL SCHIZOPHRENIA STUDY

Berkeley, July 28, 1999 - Berkeley Therapy Institute announced today that they have begun enrolling patients into a clinical trial of a compound being evaluated for the treatment of schizophrenia. The study, known as ILP 3004, is one of several in a worldwide development project known as the ReAlize program.

The study at Berkeley Therapy Institute is part of a clinical development program to evaluate the efficacy and safety of an investigational drug in the treatment of patients with schizoaffective disorder or schizophrenia. Schizophrenia is a devastating condition, which affects nearly one percent of the world's population; schizophrenia is the most common and disabling of all major mental illnesses.

Schizophrenia impairs patients' cognitive functions causing positive symptoms such as hallucinations and delusions, and negative symptoms such as blunted affect and social withdrawal. The disease typically strikes in late adolescence, with the onset of gross abnormalities in perception and an inability to feel or express pleasure. The profound incidence of suicide among schizophrenics is a well-documented public health problem.

Dr. Robert Dolgoff, primary investigator for this clinical trial at Berkeley Therapy Institute, notes that "despite impressive advances in psychiatry, we still do not have optimal treatment for schizophrenia. As many as 20% to 30% of patients do not respond to, or get unpleasant side effects with, the medications that are currently available. Therefore, research into new modes of treatment is vital for patients battling this disease."

Patients participating in this ReAlize study will receive free study medication or placebo and will be closely monitored on a regular basis by mental health professionals. To be eligible for participation in the trial, patients must be between the ages of 18 and 65, diagnosed with schizophrenia and exhibiting symptoms of the disease. In addition, participants must meet all inclusion criteria specified in the study protocol.

To obtain further information about this ReAlize study, please contact Clinical Trial Coordinator Leigh Pruneau, RN, Ph.D., at (510) 841-8484, ext. 136.

# Several bicycle thefts reported

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the evening of Sept. 13 a resident on the 900 block of Ordway Street reported that he left his purple 23-speed Mongoose Stormer bike in front of his home. When he checked on it two hours later it was gone.

On the night of Sept. 13 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that thieves had stolen a silver 18-speed GT Airstream boys bike from her garage area. The rear tire had been locked to the frame, but the frame had not been secured to any stationary object. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Sept. 15 a resident on the 900 block of Ordway Street reported that he had just observed two men take two bicycles from his neighbor's porch. When he yelled at them they fled in a yellow and brown Toyota SR5 pickup. They were last seen traveling towards Curtis Street and were gone when officers arrived.

On the evening of Sept. 15 a resident on the 1000 block of Cornell Avenue reported that sometime during the afternoon thieves stole his son's black 21 speed mountain bike. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Sept. 16 Albany officers located a blue Chevrolet El Camino on the 700 block of Cleveland Avenue that had been reported as stolen from San Leandro. They did not have anyone in custody. The owner was notified.

At about 3 p.m. on Sept. 16 campus security at Albany High School requested officer presence because two young men were fighting on school grounds and refusing

to leave. When officers arrived one of the subjects, a 17-year-old Richmond teen, still refused to leave and was arrested, cited and released to his parents with a Notice to Appear.

At about 2:45 p.m. on Sept. 16 officers contacted a 45-year-old Berkeley woman at a business on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue because she was yelling and causing a disturbance. She was preventing customers from entering and exiting a business and was refusing to leave. When officers arrived she shoved them and continued to cause a disturbance. She was cited for her behavior. When she refused to sign the citation she was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

At about 2 a.m. on Sept. 17 officers received a call from a woman on the 800 block of Pierce Street who said that she had heard sounds coming from her garage that sounded like someone was breaking into a car. Officers responded and contacted a 20-year-old San Francisco man who was indeed breaking into cars. He was arrested for burglary. Because of self-inflicted wounds he was transported to Highland Hospital.

On the morning of Sept. 17 a resident on the 1100 block of Marin Avenue reported that someone broke into her white '92 Honda Civic by breaking the passenger side door. On the morning of Sept. 17 Albany officers responded to Albany High School on reports of a student being detained for being in possession of marijuana. The student, a 16-year-old Albany boy, was arrested and released to his parents with a Notice to Appear. He was also suspended from school.

## POLICE REPORT

On the afternoon of Sept. 16 Albany officers responded to a call from a man yelling at kids' rocks at cars. Officers responded to a 44-year-old Albany man who was yelling at kids' rocks from the back of a car. He did not have a license. He was arrested but he did not have any weapons. Officers notified. Officers responded to his homes and parents of their activities.

At about 3:45 a.m. on Sept. 16 Albany officers stopped a Chevrolet which was pulling into a secluded area of the 1000 block of Eastway. The driver, a 45-year-old man, was found. He was arrested. He was released when solved.

On the morning of Sept. 17 Albany officers responded to a night thieves stole a Toyota van. There were no witnesses.

During the week of Sept. 17 Albany officers towed a car that had been reported to eight lost or deceased. It was towed by a private company. It was towed out of their house or car. It was towed to three reports. In the domestic area, it was towed to 23 reports. It was towed to 84 Civil. Albany officers stopped 41 suits. Albany firefighters responded to two fire calls. Medical emergencies.

# Not all self-service is legal

fronted him at high noon, the crook dropped his jaw and the bag then split.

Sometime between 4 and 6 p.m. Sept. 8, a thief or thieves furtively gained entry to a home on the 2000 block of Tamalpais Avenue. They took cash, jewelry, tools, antique guns and coins, and even hauled away a safe though it was broad daylight.

A 52-year-old woman who sat down to enjoy a treat at Baskin Robbins on the 10500 block of San Pablo Avenue Sept. 9, left the soda shop with a smile and little more. Soon a 20-year-old Concord woman climbed into the same booth as the woman only to discover an abandoned purse there. She took the bag home and called police who later returned it to the owner, who was delighted to have it back, \$555 in cold cash still sandwiched inside.

An arsonist set fire to a wooden fence bordering a four-plex on the 800 block of Lexington Avenue during the late night or early morning of Sept. 9 or 10.

A thief crept into the room of a 22-year-old woman on the 11600 block of San Pablo Avenue as she and

her son slept during the morning of Sept. 15. The crook, as a former boyfriend by mother, is accused of stealing from the woman's wallet.

Just after midnight a man angling down the hill ramp on his way home. He was behind him, one that was following his exact movements. A 34-year-old man pulled a garage on the 1700 block of R Street, he was quickly cornered by a gunman who threatened him if he didn't give up all his possessions. The terrified man was told, handing up worth of valuables though he was away from the ordeal was.

A 39-year-old Richmond man with a crack pipe was stopped by police at 5200 block of Potrero Avenue a.m. Sept. 19. As police arrested the suspect, he bolted into the darkness, flinging 10 bags side-to-side as he ran. A chase, he was captured, put up a fight. Ten bags were taken to contain rock cocaine and a bag of the suspect's cape route.

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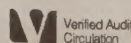
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# Volunteers comb, clean Bay shoreline

By James Carter

Everyone knows it's not nice to poll with Mother Nature. Yet during last Saturday's annual shoreline cleanup day, volunteers found everything from a pair of dilapidated shoes to a tall wooden cross, all cast asunder and washed ashore by the ever-churning Bay.

Dressed in layers of clothing — some prepared for a storm at sea while others scammed about in shorts and athletic shoes — hundreds of volunteers combed the beaches and jagged rocks that make up the shoreline in Berkeley and Albany Sept. 18.

There they picked out thousands of cigarette butts and an infinite number of plastics and other symbols of a consumer society gone awry. They fished out soda bottles tossed from passing automobiles and Styrofoam cups, all washed into gutters by garden hoses and rain where they merged into creeks that carried them out to the Bay.

Over 700 volunteers spent the morning cleaning up after others and picking the shoreline clean.

Jacky Donald, the director and creator of Berkeley's Nature Center of the Marina, coordinated the joint Berkeley-Albany effort.

"Here in Berkeley, we had a good turnout, despite the gloomy sky. 'This is a real eye-opener for people,' she said. 'People who have never done this before are grossed out by how much garbage there is, but they leave with this positive high, saying, 'wow, look what we've accomplished!'"

Danyta Jones and her significant other, Victor Wilson, made the trip out Oakland to participate in this year's cleanup.

"There's a lot of trash here we've collected, from fishing line to a coconut," Wilson said. "It's kind of painful when you see all the junk. But you know, then you see the 'one and done' mentality of the people here and it's kind of nice."

Jones nodded her head.

"I think we all need to be more thoughtful and show more consideration about what we're doing to our area and our communities," she said.

Traci Ou, an undergraduate from Cal, joined the shoreline cleanup effort backed by 32 shore members of Circle K International, a UC Berkeley student club.

"We were out here for around three or four hours," she said with a grin, though she was clearly tired.

"We're all trying to do our part and trying to conserve. It's great there are so many people that are concerned about the environment and the community."

## Albany Beach

Several dozen volunteers hunkered down in the sand and rocky shore that is Albany Beach. There facing a whistling breeze and dark skies they rummaged through driftwood and between logs that run parallel to the shoreline.

"I'm doing this because if I don't, then who will?" said 17-year-old Tali Weininger, a senior from Albany High School.

More than two dozen students from Albany and St. Mary's high schools scoured the beach last weekend, some startled by what they uncovered.

"I found a syringe! I can't believe it! A freakin' syringe!" declared Keenan Moore, senior class president at AHS. "People have to be more respectful of the environment and themselves," he opined.

Emil Alonzo, a senior from St. Mary's, said, "I just think it's very important to take care of the environment and the community. It's the only one we have and once it's gone, it's gone."

Nearby, Berkeley High School student Jenny Quay patiently picked through driftwood, participating in her fourth consecutive coastal cleanup day.

Joined by her mother Caren and father Jim, the three of them seemed to be enjoying their work.

"I just think it's important for people



OVER 700 VOLUNTEERS turned out last Saturday.

ple to take care of the place where they live," Jim Quay said.

"There's never been a time since 1850 where more than half of the

people living in California were born here. We're all from someplace else. So getting a sense of place and caring for it is very important, I think."

STEVE MASLANKA

## IN BRIEF

### Trail project gets state funding

RICHMOND — The Central Richmond Greenway Project received 9,000 in state funding thanks to advocacy efforts of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) and the leadership of Assemblywoman Dion O'Connell and Senator Don Perata. RTC worked closely with Richmond CYCLE (Community Youth Council for Leadership and Education) to secure a \$50,000 Translocation for Livable Communities grant from MTC, and a \$20,000 grant from EPA. The funding will be used for initial planning and design efforts to transform the 2.5 mile abandoned rail corridor into a vibrant, landscaped greenway with community gardens, walking and biking paths, and neighborhood gathering places. The trail will connect central Richmond with the RT station and the Ohlone Greenway, which is also a rail-trail.

OAKLAND — A committee of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission has voted to recommend converting seldom-used diamond lanes on Interstate 580 in Richmond regular freeway lanes.

The full MTC commission, a regional authority, is expected to formally approve the recommendation Sept. 22.

The MTC Work Program Committee approved the recommendation Friday. Caltrans, which operates the freeway has agreed to go along with the MTC vote. The MTC, Caltrans and Highway Patrol cooperate on diamond lanes rules, hours and other regulations.

The I-580 lanes opened in 1989 but have never attracted more than a few car-poolers, compared with traffic in other lanes. No significant congestion is anticipated on that portion of I-580, and dropping the lanes won't have any impact on traffic conditions, according to the MTC. Caltrans said crews can remove signs and make other changes, possibly by mid-October, to convert lanes to standard highway lanes.

### History and family photos

RICHMOND — The Richmond Museum of History's new exhibit of photographs, "Shades of Richmond: Fifty Years of Family Photos," will open Oct. 6 in the Seaver Gallery and run through Jan. 10. The public is invited to a gala reception for the photo donors and project volunteers on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The photographs were chosen from the collections of over 30 local

families and illustrate life in post-World War II Richmond. They show an amazing diversity of Richmonders — from African Americans who migrated here in the '40s to recent immigrants from Bosnia — working, playing, and celebrating the events, large and small, they felt important enough to photograph.

This exhibit features 50 photographs selected from the over 250 that were copied at a Photo Day held in May this year. All of those photos are now part of the archives of the Richmond Museum of History and are available to the public. The Shades of Richmond Project was funded by a grant from the California State Library.

Permanent exhibits at the Museum highlight Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievement, and cultural legacy. The Museum is located in the 1910 Carnegie Library building at the corner of Fourth and Nevin in Richmond.

Regular museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Tours are available by appointment. Call 235-7387 for more information.

### Classes, programs at Albany Pool

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## ALBANY IN BRIEF

### AHS groundbreaking today

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for noon today at Albany High School. Superintendent of Schools Gary Mills, joined by members of the school board and the community, will mark the beginning of a long-awaited process to construct a brand new high school.

The ceremony was scheduled during the AHS lunch hour so students, teachers and staff can join in the celebration.

Last Tuesday board members officially approved a bid of \$20,020,000 made by Lathrop Corporation to construct the new school on the exact spot where the old school sat until condemned by the state as seismically unsafe and subsequently leveled.

With great fanfare, Lathrop recently completed the new middle school, which opened Sept. 7.

Work to build a new Albany High School should begin by the end of this month, according to the superintendent's office.

### Cops on Campus grant offered by feds

Police Chief Larry Murdo announced that the U.S. Department of Justice has approved a funding plan that would pay for half the cost of having an Albany police officer on site at Albany High School.

Known as a School Resource Officer, the grant would provide \$43,000 a year for three years, or roughly half the cost of having an officer on campus. The remaining half would be paid by the City of Albany and the Albany Unified School District, each contributing about a quarter of the total costs.

Former superintendent of schools J. Dale Hudson endorsed the proposal last year, though there was no clear vote by the board to accept the grant — if approved — or reject it. Instead the board agreed to pursue it due to a deadline set last year. A handful of volunteers conducted an informal poll of the community last year, one that apparently produced mixed results.

—James Carter

## EL CERRITO IN BRIEF

### Street keeper

You may not know Mori Struve, but you drive on and use his streets everyday. Struve, El Cerrito's Maintenance and Engineering Services Manager for the past five years, is leaving to become the deputy director of public works for the city of Morgan Hill. Over the years Struve has received praise from city officials and ordinary citizens alike for his ability to get a lot done with limited budgets. His last day on the job for El Cerrito will be Sept. 24. "We will miss Mori and his 'can do' attitude greatly," said City Manager Gary Pokorny.

Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft reports that Maintenance Supervisor Bruce King will serve as acting maintenance and engineering services manager during the nearly five months it is expected to recruit and fill the position permanently. Lead Worker Bill Driscoll will serve as acting maintenance supervisor.

open to customers) to be refurbished and repainted. Lighting and inventory stock will be upgraded and checkout stands will be changed. Others modifications, including photo lab improvements, will also occur after the new store opens, Selland said. The newest El Cerrito Longs store is expected to be up and running sometime in the last two weeks of October.

### Greenway project

Interim Chief of Police Peter Sama reports that police officials and City Manager Gary Pokorny met with a group of concerned citizens on the Ohlone Greenway earlier this month to stroll and discuss. During the walk which was coordinated by Sustainable El Cerrito, topics included litter collection, graffiti, landscaping, lighting, safety concerns and potential future development projects that will affect the greenway.

Police Commander Scot Mosby attended a Sept. 14 Sustainable El Cerrito meeting to continue the discussion. "As expected, the overriding concern continues to be safety," Sama reported. The idea of eventually having various neighborhood, civic, business, church and other groups "adopt" segments of the greenway was put forward. Mosby will explore ways to increase police presence along the greenway, which may include more police bicycle patrols, use of El Cerrito's young Police Explorers and a citizens' patrol.

As for Ohlone Greenway cleanup, Sustainable El Cerrito has set Oct. 23 as the first work party date. Focus will be on the north end of the greenway. For more information about the work party, call Lori Dair at 232-6466.

## Robert Gordon dies

Robert Gordon of Gordon's Piano Shop in Albany died at Alta Bates Hospital on Sept. 15 after a long pulmonary illness. He would have been 80 years old next month.

Gordon was well known in the East Bay for piano restoration and was an accomplished musician having played the viola with the San Francisco Symphony under Pierre

Monteux. Gordon was very active in the community having served as President of the Albany Rotary Club in 1988-1989 and on the Board of Directors of the Albany Chamber of Commerce for many years.

He is survived by four children, Carol Fuentez, Scott Gordon, Susan Gordon and Robert Gordon, Jr., six grandchildren and eight nieces and nephews.

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# Opinion

## What should El Cerrito do about the Swim Center?

The El Cerrito City Council last week adopted the Swim Center Master Plan, which calls for an as-yet unfunded \$4.9 million reconstruction of the Community Center swimming facilities.

Under study is the possibility of a ballot measure for next March, which would face the difficult threshold of two-thirds approval. We want to hear your thoughts on the issue and how the city should proceed. Write us at P.O. Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530; e-mail us at [journal@cctimes.com](mailto:journal@cctimes.com); or fax us at 644-1735.

### VIEWPOINT

## Think pool, think pool-ing of resources

By Peter Loubal

The Sept. 13 council meeting was devoted to two major topics:

■ How to come up with \$5 million for a refurbished swimming pool that everybody wants, but not everybody wants to pay for.

■ What do we do about our \$6 million "BART parking garage" fund that everybody wants to spend, without turning El Cerrito even more into a parking lot for Solano County.

Several speakers urged us to "think outside the box." Even more encouraging were our BART directors. Willie Kennedy called for "doing what the community wants," and Roy Nakadegawa for spending the money wisely on BART feeder access rather than on structures that will only worsen congestion.

All this leads to a very simple "outside the box" solution to both above problems:

■ Six million dollars will build a 400-space garage, but take up one acre, which already parks 120 cars. The net parking space increase is therefore just 280 new spaces. Meanwhile, at least 200 unused daytime spaces are readily available close to the Community Center, by Cerrito Vista Park and along non-residential Portola street. This area is also within walking access of several hundred BART commuters that would otherwise drive the mile or more to the closest BART station.

■ It costs \$100,000 per year to operate a shuttle bus for 4 hours per workday, two each during the morning peak (7:30 to 9:30) and the evening peak (4:30 to 6:30). It takes five minutes to drive from Community Center to Plaza BART. A back and forth loop, with a five minute wait to pick up passengers at one end in the morning or the other in the evening, would take 15 minutes.

■ Two buses (one every 7.5 minutes) can serve about 500 or more commuters, morning and evening, with about half arriving via 200 cars that require parking, and the rest by walking, bicycling, or being dropped off, with each of the two buses making four loops per hour while carrying 25 passengers or more on each trip.

■ Passengers would be served free, but \$2 would be collected to pay for all day parking. Since most passengers would be regulars and the money "goes toward the pool" we should expect compliance and fair-

ness, and hopefully not have to worry about extra neighborhood parking control.

■ The parking revenue would offset the cost of one of the two buses since \$2 x 200 spaces x 250 work-days per year = \$100,000.

■ BART would actually "save" the equivalent of 400 parking spaces. Since it costs BART \$1 per day to maintain each parking space, it would be fair to request BART to come up with the \$100,000 needed to operate the second bus. The shuttle buses would therefore not need any other subsidy.

This gets us to the solution:

■ BART, in view of getting more parking than it would otherwise, joins with 23,500 El Cerritos to convince the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to rethink the money allocation and provide \$5 million to the City of El Cerrito to build the Swim Center. Note that the bond measure passed in 1988 permits the spending plan to be adapted to changing circumstances. El Cerrito neighborhoods close to BART stations would breathe a sigh of relief. El Cerrito would become not just "The City of Homes", but also the "City that loves BART".

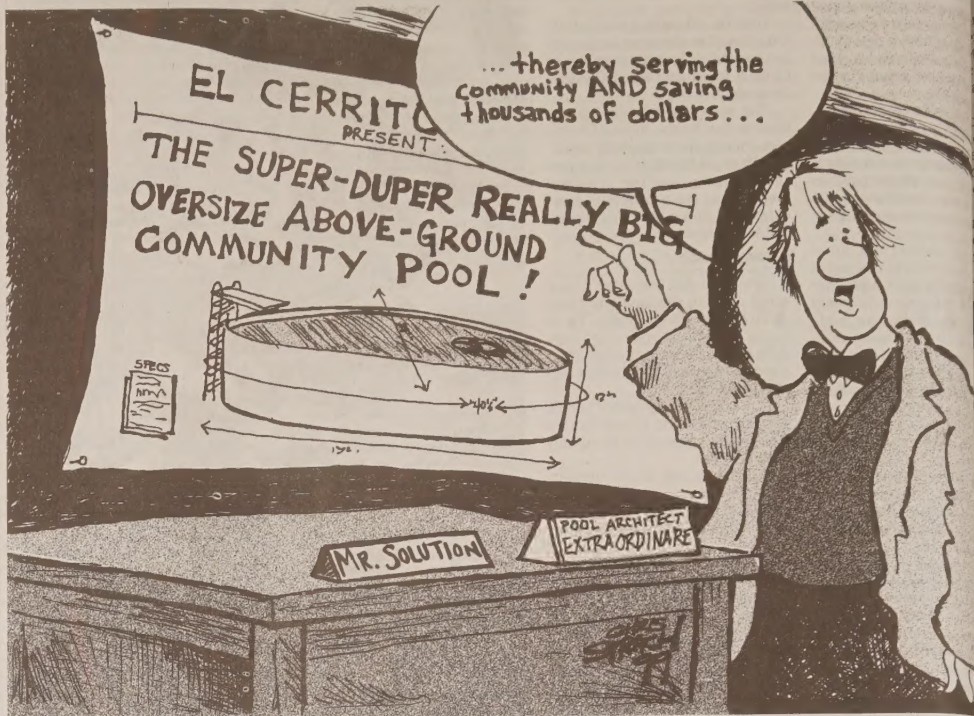
■ "Friends of the Pool" would operate a volunteer small van shuttle service, to drive commuters back to their cars (or even homes) if they return outside the shuttle bus service hours. The Swim Center office would serve as the dispatch office with commuters telephoning for service. This would be their contribution to the effort. It would constitute a more profitable use of their energy and resources, than trying to convince the nine out of 10 El Cerrito families that are not pool users to come up with the bond money.

■ This leaves \$1 million of untapped measure-C funds. These would go to Peter Loubal for having the idea. Since Peter Loubal would hate to see the IRS get hold of most of this money, he pledges to donate \$900,000 toward the soccer field and \$100,000 toward the Canyon Trail Clubhouse. Even more people are happy!

This solves the problem of both the \$5 million we need, the \$6 million we don't really know how to spend, plus a bit more.

The New Task Force can go and jump in the New Pool!

Next problem, please.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### What's wrong with this picture?

Last year our family moved from Florence, a town of 30,000 in Northwest Alabama. We enrolled our child in the local public high school, and have been happy with the diversity and some truly outstanding teachers. Recently we have been told that the teachers will probably strike due to wages placing them among the lowest paid educators in the Bay Area. The following may be of interest:

Starting pay B.A. degree:  
Florence \$29,004; WCCUSD \$27,423.  
After 20 years:  
Florence \$36,674; WCCUSD \$35,363.  
School Superintendent: Florence \$104,000; WCCUSD \$135,000

We sold our 35 year old home in town on a wooded .8-acre lot with 2,700 square-feet, three baths and a 20- by 40-foot swimming

pool for \$130,000. New comparable homes were selling for \$170,000.

Something is wrong with this picture. Our teachers can't afford to live here, and I can only conclude that these people are teaching for the same reason missionaries go to the third world...to live their ideals. Well done, faithful servants. You are putting stars in your crowns Shame on all you selfish folks who voted for Proposition 13. And to Dr. Johnston, who never gave me the courtesy of a reply to my letter, what would your mother say if she could see you now?

Susan Grosziewicz  
Kensington

### Questions about the BART tube

The recent news articles about the 25th anniversary of the BART "tunnel" and extolling its wonders raise a few questions which should

be asked:

Wasn't this trench experimental in several respects?

Were the problems of ships dragging the anchors fully resolved?

What priority does BART give to the need

to build a flood gate to prevent sea water from flowing all the way to 16th Street if the "tunnel" is breached?

Aren't the water outlets too far apart for firemen to drag hoses to fires in the "tunnel"?

Have there been studies of the safety of the "tunnel" by recognized tunnel experts?

What were their conclusions and recommendations? Do BART engineers keep up with the professional literature on tunnels?

Shouldn't BART professional staff make their files available to reporters so that an objective and complete evaluation can be reported to the public?

Charles L. Smith  
Berkeley

### Under Construction

By Ronnie Caplane

### Rejections

I figured it had to mean something when I saw Mrs. Smith at the same theatre, on the same night, to see the same show as I was. She was a therapist and I was trying her out. Our first appointment had been three days ago and I was seeing her again on Monday.

But that was next week. My immediate problem was that I was about to come face to face with her, in public, outside the Orpheum Theatre and I didn't know what to do.

Should I make eye contact and smile? Walk over and say hello? Introduce her to the friend I was with? But what would I introduce her as? My therapist? That seemed premature. Mrs. Smith? That sounded weird since she was only a few years older than I am. But she never gave me her first name. She just introduced herself as "Mrs. Smith." Her first name was on her office door though.

Eleanor. Eleanor Smith. Or was it Eileen or Ellen?

What if I get her name wrong? What if she doesn't remember me? Do therapists do that? Forget patients? Of course not. Remembering people and the details of their lives is their business.

I finally decided to pretend I hadn't seen her. "Let's go in and sit down," I said grabbing my friend's arm and diving into the crowd.

After we got settled, I looked around to see if I could spot Mrs. Smith. If I knew where she was sitting I could monitor her moves and avoid running into her at intermission. My eyes swept through the theatre. No Mrs. Smith. I relaxed. There were probably 1,500 people in the audience. I was safe.

But there she was, short, stocky Mrs. Smith with her salt and pepper hair haphazardly pulled back into a bun. And she was coming down the same aisle, my aisle. I turned around quickly, waited a few seconds, pretended to adjust my coat and took another peek.

She was still coming.

Some people slid into the row behind us. I pulled the mirror from my

purse and angled it so I could see them. Mrs. Smith's round, red face, framed by flyaway hair, filled my mirror. She was sitting directly behind me.

This could not be a mere coincidence. But what did it mean? That she was the therapist for me? That she would follow me through life? That we liked the same shows?

That my life was a cheap knock-off of Woody Allen's?

Did I have to say something to her now? If I didn't, would she? That would put me right back where I started outside the theatre. Then I remembered what a friend told me, that a therapist will never acknowledge a patient in public. It's up to the patient to make the first move.

I hoped Mrs. Smith knew that rule. We can talk about that next week, how we both sat there, two feet apart, pretending not to know each other. By then it'll seem funny. But right now I was afraid to turn my head.

Finally the lights went down and the overture began. I relaxed.

There was a tap on my shoulder. It was Mrs. Smith. Now that it was safe, when no one could talk and introductions weren't possible, she was

going to say hi and give me those warm, motherly, I-know-awful-for-you smiles. It's that kind of thing a therapist would do.

I turned around. She leaned forward.

"I can't see over your head," she said. "Would you mind not leaning around?"

There was no understanding, no acknowledgement. Mrs. Smith had no idea who I was. At intermission I saw her with an usher looking for an empty seat with a clearer line of sight.

I called her the next day and wouldn't be in to see her again.

I thought about why Mrs. Smith didn't recognize me. Maybe she had a bad memory for faces or for patients or paid more attention to notes she was taking that day. Whatever the reason, it had to do with me. It was her. She was that, as a therapist, she should be recognized about. But unless she doesn't know.

But maybe she'll read this. She won't recognize her name because it isn't Smith. But maybe she'll recognize the story and, although she doesn't know my face, she'll remember my name.

## Fixing our schools — moving beyond policy

By Barbara Cervone

All through this long hot summer, the national debate has simmered about how to cure what ails our public schools - and now that the kids are heading back to class it's likely to boil over again.

Indeed, few could have foreseen the heated political charge of American public education today, in which a multitude of theories for improving public schools - some falsely simple - compete for primacy. End social promotion. Raise the bar for teachers. Develop better tests for stu-

dents. Centralize authority. Decentralize authority. Take over failing schools. Privatize through vouchers.

As citizens we agree, roughly, on the bottom line: increasing what students know and can do. But we disagree often, and sometimes vigorously, on how to achieve this result. "If there were a magic bullet," one urban school superintendent told me last week, "you can be darn sure we'd be using it!"

After almost 30 years working for educational reform, I see no panaceas. But there are lessons, and here are a few - worth noting along

with the ads for back-to-school supplies.

First, policy mandates, in and of themselves, will not improve our schools.

We can promote world-class academic standards and rigorous tests until the cows come home, but call it a failure. And have the students alone failed or are we adults complicit, whether in schools or outside them?

When all share deeply in raising student achievement, evidence suggests, the results can be stunning.

As we scramble to fix public ed-

ucation in this country - and tilt toward policies that "get tough" on students - we would do well to keep in mind the youngsters who need our help the most.

Last spring I visited an elementary school in Chattanooga, Tenn., a school whose playground stood hard by a toxic waste site.

A boy crouched up against a wall, I noticed, across from a colorful mural. Crouching beside him, I asked about the mural, but he offered little response.

"What do you like most about this school?" I asked.

"Nothing," he answered. "I hate it."

"Is that why you're hiding?" I said.

"You got it, lady," he said.

"Than what brings you to school?" "I come to school to get breakfast and lunch," he said, "and to stay out of the way of my dad who whups me."

I looked at this boy, not yet 11-years-old, hunched in the hall of the schoolhouse where he was supposed to be imbibing the high standards of today's educational crusade. "If there was one thing you could tell the adults in this building," I asked, "what would that be?"

"I'm not bad," he said, "I'm scared."

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787



# Corn vandals strike at UC a second straight month

By David Ferris

Someone trampled 800 stalks of corn at a UC-Berkeley research station this week to strike a blow at genetic engineering, but university officials said the only victim was a year's worth of unrelated research.

In the second corn attack in two months on university property, someone hopped the chain-link fence at the Oxford Tract growing grounds Monday or Tuesday and flattened two rows of tall corn.

The two attacks delay the research of three graduate students and a visiting Russian researcher until next spring's growing season, said

Nick Kaplinsky, one of the student researchers.

Others of Kaplinsky's plants were destroyed when vandals hit UC-Berkeley's Gill Tract research station in Albany on Aug. 2.

"All these issues they're getting in the press are issues Americans should be discussing," Kaplinsky said of the vandals' raid, an apparent swipe against manipulating the genes of plants.

But, he added, "This isn't dialogue. This is straight-up vandalism."

The corn-stomper left a sign on a stake at the Oxford Tract that read, "Reward — 20,000 bags of organic corn seed for information leading to

the arrest or conviction of corporate sell-outs."

The vandals of the Gill Tract left no notes behind, but an anonymous letter taking credit for the attack was sent to the Daily Californian, UC-Berkeley's student newspaper.

Police have no leads on the identity of the plant attackers, said UC-Berkeley police Capt. Bill Cooper. The university plans to add security at both research stations, Cooper said.

It is unknown if the two attacks are related. Police said the corn raid at the Oxford Tract, at Oxford and Virginia streets, caused \$30,000 in damage and is being treated as felony vandalism.

The research destroyed in the two attacks is funded by grants from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. Peggy Lemaux, a university cooperative extension specialist, said they had nothing to do with controversial "transgenic" research.

With transgenic engineering, scientists place the genes from one plant into the DNA of another to create new strains of plant that can grow to be resistant to pests, or contain different nutrients, or develop a different shape or flavor.

The prospect of introducing genetically altered food without knowing its full impact on the surrounding

ecosystem has raised doubts around the world — especially in Great Britain, where activists have destroyed large swaths of research fields.

Neither tract hosts transgenic work, Kaplinsky said. The Gill Tract, he said, has five rows of plants used in research that involves isolating genes that other researchers may one day manipulate.

Kaplinsky said he's studying natural mutations to corn, specifically the patterns in which corn kernels grow on the cob. Kaplinsky said the delay may keep him in school for another year. He is working on his Ph.D. in plants and microbial biology.

"(The vandals) think they're sav-

ing the world, but they're wasting energy in several forms," said Kaplinsky. He said he likely will have to nurse seeds from the destroyed plants to maturity in the lab, then plant them next May.

Next year, he said he may move his research to a secret location, a 90-minute round-trip away, to keep his plants safe.

The attacks have turned researchers' joy in their work into suspicion of passers-by.

"I think many of us feel tremendously vulnerable," Lemaux said. "It's not clear what decision was made to target these crops. Why did they choose these, and am I next?"

## KPFA fight moves to new arena

By David Ferris

A dispute over who should pay for the yards who patrolled KPFA during its search of three escalating into a judge match between city officials and the Pacifica Foundation.

Pacifica, KPFA's parent, said it will add up to \$390,000. Meanwhile, a city is considering whether to send a bill for \$200,000 in police overtime during May and August — much it during a two-week station lockout July that featured daily demonstrations of more than 80 arrests.

Pacifica hired armed guards to patrol KPFA and Pacifica offices and the KPFA tower after the July 13 shutdown. On Aug. 18, Pacifica Executive Director Lynn Chadwick sent a terse letter to Mayor Shirley Dean, asking for reimbursement "due to the inability or unwillingness of the Berkeley Police Department to provide adequate protection."

In a letter to state officials, Chadwick

estimated those costs at \$390,000.

A peeved Police Chief Dash Butler last week blasted what he called "this ultimate spin doctoring of the facts." Butler faulted Pacifica for saying it was any different from other organizations in Berkeley that have hired their own security during labor disputes.

Pacifica was the first to ask for mass arrests of protesters, though police advised them against it, Butler said. Last month Pacifica asked prosecutors to drop charges against those same protesters.

"Lynn Chadwick and the rest of Pacifica Foundation should pull out an appropriate sized mirror and take a good look at the real culprits — those who made their decisions during the dispute," Butler wrote. Chadwick could not be reached for comment.

The City Council last week directed City Attorney Manuela Albuquerque to look into charging Pacifica for overtime. The KPFA overtime bill comes to \$200,000, said Berkeley police Capt. Bobby Miller.

AC Transit plans to begin a major bus service restoration and improvement program on Sunday, Oct. 10.

Besides restoring most of the weekend service curtailed for budget reasons in 1995 and 1996, the district is introducing major improvements to 25 of its 37 transbay routes, the lines that connect East Bay neighborhoods with downtown San Francisco.

The district is restoring all-night service schedules on three mainline bus routes:

■ Line 40-Berkeley-Oakland-San Leandro

■ Line 73-Richmond-El Cerrito-Albany-Berkeley-Emeryville-Oakland

■ Line 82 -Oakland-San Leandro-Hayward

AC Transit is introducing new overnight schedules on four more bus routes:

■ Line 51-Berkeley-Oakland-Alameda, which will operate during post midnight hours between downtown Berkeley and downtown Alameda.

■ Line 58-Downtown Oakland-Oakland Airport, which will operate post midnight from 14th and Broadway via MacArthur Boulevard and Hegenberger Road to the airport.

■ New Line 301-BART/Hayward-BART/Fremont, which will also serve BART South Hayward and Union City stations during early morning hours.

■ New Line A-San Francisco-Downtown Oakland-Oakland Airport, which initially will operate limited stop service between its major destinations from midnight until about 6 a.m. Later this year, Line A will be expanded to operate 24 hours a day.

To simplify early morning travel, these "owl" service bus lines will make scheduled transfer connections: Lines A, 40, 51, 58, 73 and 82 at 14th and Broadway in downtown Oakland, and Lines 82 and 301 at BART's Hayward Station.

Also beginning Sunday, Oct. 10, AC Transit is restoring full weekend route coverage (expanding the now foreshortened weekend service), on Lines 6, 7, 11, 14, 44, 45, 52, 54, 55, 56, 59, 65, 67, 69, 71, 75, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 85, 87, 90 and 95. In addition, AC Transit is introducing weekend service on Lines 9, 12, 23 and 48 and new Sunday schedules on Line 37.

In Berkeley, AC Transit will add to bus service in anticipation of increased demand expected from the newly-expanded AC Transit Class Pass program now in effect on the UC campus. To handle more UC students, the system is adding more service and longer scheduled hours on Lines 9, 52L and 64. Also, Lines 52, 52L and 64 will be extended to loop the UC Berkeley campus, as will Line F, the bus route going directly to and from San Francisco seven days a week. In

addition, transit service to Berkeley's burgeoning 4th Street shopping district also is being improved.

In Richmond, nighttime Line 376 service is being expanded to 30-minute (instead of 60-minute) schedules. Also new Line 374 from Point Richmond, the Richmond Marina and BART will serve the new Red and White Ferry service that begins in late September.

AC Transit will operate more commute-hour trips on 19 Bay Bridge bus routes. Expanded service schedules will be introduced on 14 transbay bus routes, providing more trips during a.m. and p.m. peak periods.

In addition to the new Line A-S.F.-Oakland Airport owl service, another new transbay route, Line H Express, will operate direct commute trips linking San Francisco with El Cerrito and Kensington.

## Journalist writes 'Song of Century'

By Marc Albert

By Dec. 31 everyone just might sick of the Artist Formerly Known Prince and his 1983 release, "99." With the close of the year, month may be in the throes of celebrating the 2,000th birthday of onghaired troublemaker who set foot in People's Park, or typing their collective keyboards ring that two digits left out of rputer coding will result in havoc. Celebrating and lampooning the ar type is Berkeley religion writer a Lattin, who this summer, with called the Mysterious Digitones, released a single called "Why 2Y 2YK." A humorous send up of the New ans classic "Iko Iko," the song merges di Gras melodies with offbeat lyrics. "Don't you cry, child, don't you fret, y 2Y 2YK, can live without that in-et, Why 2Y 2YK. What to do when it il? Why 2Y 2YK, grab your pen, for-mail, why 2Y 2YK ... Will it be the l's return? Why 2Y 2YK, blame it all nat Bill Gates, Why 2Y 2YK. Store a food up in the loft, Why 2Y 2YK,

send the bill to Microsoft, Why 2Y 2YK."

"I've been writing a lot about the Y2K thing and also how it's been inspiring this whole apocalyptic thing from the Christian right to the New Age and how much people are worried about it. The idea was that we need a little humor to make it through the hype."

Lattin said he is exploring diversification into the recording industry in part because the major regional newspaper he writes for was recently purchased by a smaller circulation metro daily with deeper corporate pockets. "Maybe I'll need a new job," he said, "but there are other people saying I should keep my day

job. I'll do that if I have one to keep."

Lattin is promoting his song through a web site [www.2ksong.net](http://www.2ksong.net) and says his is just one of many offerings coming out to challenge the popular if universally unknown lyrics to Auld Lang Syne as a new Year's song. The two-song CD, which has already been played on KCSM, KFOG, KGO, and KPFA, is on sale at Tower Records stores, at Amazon.com and through the web site. Lattin will headline an album release party this Saturday at Eagles Hall at 2305 Alameda Ave. in Alameda. The Hot Links and the Mysterious Digitones will begin belting out tunes at 9 p.m.

## AC Transit fares go up on Oct. 1

A 10-cent increase will bring AC Transit's basic fare to \$1.35 per trip for adults and youth (ages 13 to 17) who pay with cash when riding the bus system's local East Bay routes beginning Friday, October 1, 1999. The cash local fare for children, ages five to 12, senior citizens (65 and older), and passengers with certified disabilities will go up five cents to \$0.65 per trip.

In the revised fare structure, AC offers two cost-cutting ways for regular riders ride pay less than the new cash fares: The new ten-ride book of local ride tickets will cost adults \$11.50, (\$1.15 a trip). The price for discount ticket books used by youth, children, seniors and persons with disabilities is \$5.50 for 10 rides, or \$0.55 a trip (a 15 percent discount compared to cash fares for these riders), h

The monthly pass offers an even greater discount. It is \$49 for adults, \$27 for youth and children, \$13 for seniors and passengers with disabilities. A monthly pass is good for unlimited rides during its effective period.

The fee for BART-to-bus transfers will increase to \$1.15 for adults and \$0.55 for youth, children, seniors and passengers with disabilities.

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By Kay Weinstein

## State PTA Legislative Alert

Healthy Schools Act of 1999, AB 1207 (SUPPORT)

This law would provide schools with the tools and incentives they need to begin reducing environmental health hazards and provide parents and teachers with right-to-know information about environmental health hazards associated with the use of pesticides. The bill would also provide schools with information on how to assess the indoor air quality of schools and "portable" classrooms. Call, fax and/or write Gov. Gray Davis to sign this important piece of legislation: Governor Gray Davis, 1st Floor State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916-445-2841. Fax: 916-445-4633.

## Albany PTA Council.

■ Sept. 25, Elementary Curriculum Meeting with Asst. Superintendent Marianne Camp, 10 a.m. to noon, Ocean View Library

■ Sept. 26, Albany Education Foundation Reception for new Superintendent Gary Mills, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Albany Community Center

■ Oct. 2, Middle School Curriculum Meeting with Asst. Superintendent Marianne Camp, 10 a.m. to noon, AMS Library

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■ Sept. 23, Groundbreaking for new Albany High School, noon.

■ Oct. 4, PTA Meeting, 7:15 p.m., AHS Library

## Albany Middle School

■ SCRIP Orders: Support AMS by buying Safeway certificates. Karen Moss, 526-2018 or Linda Okamoto, 525-6782.

■ Sept. 23, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library

■ Sept. 25, Opening Ceremony for new AMS Campus, Noon (Saturday)

■ Sept. 29, Back to School Night, 7 p.m.

## Cornell Elementary School

■ Sept. 23, Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m.

■ Sept. 27, PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room, Child-care provided

## Marin Elementary School

Sept. 23, Back to School Night, 7 p.m.

## Ocean View Elementary

■ SCRIP for sale Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings before school on playground. Ask for Kim Denton.

■ Sept. 23, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library

■ Oct. 5, Albany Coalition for Environmental Health Meeting, 7 p.m., 1200 Nielson St. (back door), Albany. A group of parents and residents concerned about our children's and community's health; working to get UC Berkeley's College of Natural Resources to sign a "good neighbor" policy which asks them not to spray pesticides on the Gill Tract next to Ocean View School and the University Village; also working to get AUD to implement an Integrated Pest Management Policy that eliminates pesticide use on campus. For more information, Call Dorothea Dorenz at 525-8717.

## AUD Board of Education

Sept. 28, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room. Agenda item: Should there be an armed police officer on the Albany High School campus?

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The reason is this. Despite the 1991 loan agreement that enabled our schools to keep their doors open, despite community support evidenced by the recent approval of a bond measure, despite the hiring of a dynamic new superintendent, Dr. Gloria Johnston — despite all this, West Contra Costa Unified School District remains hobbled by the \$1.85 million yearly obligation to the state.

This amount is roughly equal to the total district budget for books and supplies in our elementary, middle, and high schools. These are funds urgently needed for educational programs, adequate employee compensation, and supplies.

The district has proposed a plan whereby debt repayments will remain in the county for reinvestment in our children's education.

We urge you to work with our political representatives and school district leaders to approve this plan. Please ensure that your commitment to improving public education is, for the people of Contra Costa, more than rhetoric.

Sincerely,

Verde Elementary  
Work Day this weekend

Recently we discussed the organizing going on at Verde Elementary School in North Richmond (see: [www.igc.org/westcounty/090299.htm](http://www.igc.org/westcounty/090299.htm)). This weekend the organizing gets converted to action with a community work party which will tackle clean-up and painting projects at the school. Work is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. this Saturday and Sunday persons with all skill levels are encouraged to attend — there will be something for everyone! Verde Elementary School is located at 2000 Giarmita St.

## School board candidates' forum Sept. 29

The election for the WCCUSD School Board is around the corner. Be informed when you vote! Meet your School Board candidates, and hear their views on education issues. The WCCUSD, Leagueside Council PTA, and the Bay Area of Women Voters are sponsoring a series of candidates forums at all district high schools. The first will be at Richmond High School Little Theater on Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Richmond High School is located at 1250 23rd St. in Richmond.

## Ed. Fund applications available online

Applications for the Education Fund \$500 Mini-grants, \$1,000 School-wide Grants and one \$2,500 Special Education Grant are available on the WCCUSD web site:

West County  
School Watch

By Glen Priebe

<http://www.wccusd.k12.ca.us>  
■ Applicants include:  
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The Education Fund is a innovative, exciting project in areas (for example, writing, science, health, and math) which will enhance teacher/student interaction, integration with curriculum, and testing must be postponed until after Saturday, Oct. 2, elections: Call Susan Witten, Ed. Fund (233-1464).

Want to receive West County School Watch and other information on local school issues? Send your email address? Send your name and address to: [pakglan@aol.com](mailto:pakglan@aol.com). WCCUSD member of the Golden Gate Board; the opinions expressed in West County School Watch are his own and do not reflect views or positions of school or WCCUSD unless noted. Previous columns and sundry items are available on the West County School Watch web site: <http://www.igc.org/westcounty>

## Historic black college recruitment fair is Sunday

On Sunday, Sept. 26, representatives associated with 14 national historic black colleges and universities will be recruiting students at Richmond High School, 1250 23rd St. in Richmond, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the first time these colleges have recruited west of the Mississippi. This event is open to students throughout the Bay Area.

Students will receive: On-the-spot admissions, scholarships, financial aid, face-to-face contact with representatives of the Historic Black Colleges and Universities.

Students should see their counselors and bring current sealed transcripts with them to the recruitment. Parents are encouraged to attend.

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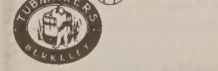
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# Oakland Coliseum a failure as a political arena

## Snapp Shots

By Martin Snapp

When I heard the news last week that Major League Baseball had vetoed the A's sale, which could result in Oakland losing the A's as early as 2002, the first thought that came to mind was, "This would never have happened if George Vukasin still running the show."

Let's have a little history lesson. The first 25 years of its existence, the Coliseum was run by a board of citizens - local heavy hitters like president Bob Nahas of Development, Jim Vohs of Ed DeSilva of DeSilva & Gates Construction, Kimi Kitama of Kila Nursery, attorney Jack Smith, and Mary Warren, and Nahas's successors as board president: Jack Ester and George Vukasin, president of Peerless Coffee.

These business people, they were vested in making the Coliseum work. And their business experience taught them that the best way to make it work was to make the Coliseum's relationship with the A's, the Raiders, and even the Raiders as part of a win/win partnership as viable.

And it worked like a dream. All the teams won championships. The Coliseum came out in droves. (Remem-

ber, it's the A's, not the Giants, who hold the local record for single season attendance.)

In the process, the Coliseum became one of the most pleasant places in the Bay Area to spend an afternoon or evening. It was safe, it was clean, and it had a cozy, extended family atmosphere, whether you were tailgating in the parking lot before a Raider game or shmoozing with the other fans in your section during an A's game.

Even when everything else in Oakland seemed to be falling apart, there used to be saying: "At least there are two things around here that still work - the Port and the Coliseum."

The Coliseum board not only did a wonderful job, they never took a penny for their services. (Smith even insisted on paying his own airfare whenever he had to make a trip on Coliseum business.) They weren't in it for money. They did it for love. That, and a sense of responsibility to their community.

It was a classic case of "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." But "fix" it is exactly the politicians did - good and hard. Four years ago, Supervisor Mary King and City Councilman Ignacio De La Fuente both got it into their heads to run for mayor. And they thought the Coliseum board would be a good platform for their candidacies.

So they replaced the board members with themselves, without so much as a fare-thee-well. It was a shabby way to treat people after so many years of faithful service, but that's politics.

They tried to justify their actions with some high-sounding rhetoric about how the Coliseum should be run by the people's elected representatives. But even at the time, everyone saw it for what it was: a naked power grab.

And what has been their record since they took over? No hits, no runs, and lots of errors. To list just a few lowlights:

- The now-notorious Raiders deal, which introduced three new dirty words into the English language: "Personal Seat License."
- The mutilation of the Coliseum

itself - again, part of the Raiders deal that wrecked what architecture critic Alan Temko called "a sense of harmony and order; of simple heroic dignity, that is everywhere expressed in perfection of proportions and line."

■ The poisonous us vs. them mentality that until recently had the Coliseum being used by all three of its major tenants: the A's, the Raiders and the Warriors. (They settled the A's suit, so now it's only two out of three.)

■ And am I the only who has noticed how dirty the Coliseum looks lately? In the old days, it felt like as soon as a piece of trash hit the ground, a Coliseum employee would swoop down and scoop it up.

Ironically, King and De La Fuente ultimately lost the mayor's race to Jerry Brown. But in the meantime, serious harm has been done to one of the East Bay's most valuable assets.

I called Vukasin at his home on Sunday to ask what he thought of the latest fiasco. (We had to talk in brief spurts because he was watching the Raider game on TV, and he was so excited watching them upset Minnesota he could only talk to me during the commercials.)

He was too much of a gentleman to knock his successors, even though it must gall him to watch them ruin something he tended so lovingly for so long. But he did have some advice for all of us: "Try to remember that Hoffman and Schott aren't the bad guys, they're the good guys. They're the ones who bought the A's and kept them in the area. We should all be working together to get behind the team, whether it's under them or a new owner, so it'll be successful."

Wise advice, but don't hold your breath. King and De La Fuente were barely on speaking terms with Hoffman and Schott even before last week's decision. Afterwards, King again pointed the finger at the A's owners, saying, "We need to get the bottom of this and find out if the agreement was subverted in any way. Something stinks here." Meanwhile, De La Fuente was busy burning bridges with the commissioner's office, saying, "We're going after Ma-

for League Baseball, I can tell you that."

It's time to admit that the great experiment in democracy was a failure. The old system may not have been politically correct, but at least it worked.

King and De La Fuente are not bad people. The problem is that they're politicians. Worse, they're Oakland politicians. And the style of Oakland politics for far too long has been confrontation, not consensus-building. These folks simply don't know how to operate any other way.

How many times do they have to strike out before we send them to the showers? They've proved they're not ready for the big leagues.

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## Arsenal

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O'Neill was not alone in the camper the day that he died. Police say there were several other men there with him.

Several sources say they believe the men in the camper were playing Russian roulette in 1989. The incident remains surrounded by mystery. Why would people sit back and watch a man shoot himself? That was 10 years ago, and most memories of that day have faded.

But none of the officers who answered the call to Albany Terrace last Saturday night had any knowledge of the suicide committed years before. Their immediate concern was the safety of residents in the area, and who was doing what inside.

After interviewing Moret, officers also learned about the presence of another man—John William Robinson, who rented a room from Konig. It was later learned he was an ex-con, a felon who did time for committing a sex crime. Police also learned there was a substantial cache of weapons and ammunition inside the house.

Officers immediately called for backup and promptly received support from Berkeley, Kensington and El Cerrito police. They would later discover the presence of explosives inside and call the UC Bomb Squad for assistance.

In the meantime, police telephoned Konig. But he did not answer. Over a bullhorn, officers ordered Konig and anyone else inside the building to surrender.

According to witnesses, as neighbors huddled together across the street and watched in the dark, offi-

cers crouched behind cars and pointed rifles at the blue wood-framed building.

It wasn't long before Konig and Robinson emerged, in the custody of police. Both Konig and Robinson had long hair, Robinson a beard. And Robinson walked out into the phalanx of police wearing only his underwear and a grin.

As the two men were escorted to a police car, witnesses say Konig turned to the people gathered across the street, laughed and said, "Hello, neighbors."

Both men were arrested, the 52-year-old Robinson on suspicion of illegally possessing weapons, and 62-year-old Konig on suspicion of illegally discharging a firearm or explosive.

Police then lined up along the steps leading to the front door of the house and rushed inside, white lights crisscrossing rooms and trailing out into the dark of night. They couldn't believe what they saw. Weapons and ammunition were stacked everywhere. They would work late and long just collecting the stuff and transporting it to the evidence room of the APD.

At noon Sunday, police continued to load weapons and ammunition into a van parked at the house on Albany Terrace. Three detectives and dozens of police, including reserve officers, had been at the scene, many of them through most of the night.

In the hazy sunshine of a tranquil Sunday morning, Albany police Detective Robert Christianson paused as two officers carried four more weapons to the van.

"I've been here since 12:30," he said.

A tall figure who resembles a young Clint Eastwood, Christianson

wore Levis and a sweatshirt. A leather holster strapped around his shoulder gripped a handgun.

Christianson said the unmarked van was carrying its third load of ammunition and guns. He estimated at the time that there were close to 100 weapons recovered, though some had yet to be labeled. Christianson also said police found several M-1000s—each is equivalent to a quarter of a stick of dynamite—inside the house.

Christensen stretched and said he still had work to do. Another officer approached the van. He carried two more rifles.

On Monday morning, Police Chief Larry Murdo and Palmieri displayed the many weapons that were recovered. Close to half of the evidence room was lined with guns, including a .50-caliber rifle with a tripod, and a scope capable of focusing in on a target a mile away. That is the distance from one end of Albany to another. The stock was decorated with what appeared to be a black and white Asian-style painting of bamboo.

In total, the search turned up 60 long guns, rifles or shotguns, 40 handguns, and other "exotic" items the police are waiting for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to identify.

Also uncovered were tracer rounds—which are illegal—and enough ammunition to support an intense firefight.

"I don't understand why any citizen would have that kind of firepower just laying around the house," said Palmieri. "And what if there had been a fire, with all those explosives there? Children are constantly playing in that neighborhood."

Meanwhile children continued to

play in Terrace Park. They dug tunnels in the sandbox and climbed a play structure as people went about their business, pausing to discuss what happened Saturday night.

Konig, who described himself as a truck driver, was released from jail on bail. As of press time, Robinson—a registered sex offender—remained in custody.

The Albany Police Department continues to wait for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to arrive and help identify the arms stash. If any weapons are found to be illegal, Konig could be sent back to jail.

## Pact

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for our members," said Dragos. "Now if we can make this step in the right direction, then we're ready to move on."

Union leaders planned to meet yesterday with teachers in hopes of ratifying the contract. But if state trustee Fred Stewart vetoes the deal based on its impact on the district budget, Dragos warned that the meeting could instead produce a strike vote.

Teachers have been working under their expired contract for more than a year and have wrestled even longer with low salaries.

West County teachers are some of the lowest paid in the region. Along with other district workers, teachers took a 9 percent pay cut in 1991 to help the district stay afloat in the wake of its near bankruptcy. Other Bay Area districts, meanwhile, continued to offer higher salaries, extending the gap.

First-year West County teachers start off with salaries comparable with nearby districts—about \$29,000. But for teachers with five years of experience, the \$35,000 salary for district teachers falls \$2,000 to \$5,000 short, according to district salary scales.

The result has been a steady exodus of experienced teachers from West County and a high turnover rate.

A strike appeared imminent earlier this year after the district rejected a 3.5 percent raise recommended by a state mediator. Progress in the talks came over the last several weeks, during the fact-finding stage of state-mediated negotiations.

## Rideshare and you could win

Life could be a day at the beach for some lucky commuter who tries ridesharing during the 14th annual California Rideshare Week, Oct. 4-8. RIDES for Bay Area Commuters, the region's rideshare organization, is offering commuters who pledge to carpool, vanpool, take transit, bike, walk or telecommute at least once during Rideshare Week a chance to win two roundtrip United Airlines tickets to Rio de Janeiro.

RIDES' promotion, "Rideshare to Rio," encourages Bay Area com-

muters to try alternative alone and save them time while they help the environment. Uti-

tive to solo driving can commuter up to \$3,000. To register for Rideshare Week and a trip to Rio de Janeiro, visit [www.rides.org](http://www.rides.org).

Entries must be received by Oct. 12. Winners will be announced Oct. 22.

## Brief

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dren under four years old a parent and tot class is offered.

The next available session for children begins on Oct. 18. These classes are for children 4 years and older and cover the first three swimming levels.

The pool has wheelchair access and modified showers and toilets, and a Hoyer lift as well as stairs to enter the water. The programs are open to all. If you need special assistance please let the staff know. Details: 559-6640.

## CD ROM

### lending program

Kensington Library has been chosen to participate in a CD ROM lending program, with its own on-site collection available this fall. In addition to its own collection, many other CD ROM titles, suitable for both PCs and MACs, are already available on inter-library loan. The library credits and thanks its business sponsors for their help in bringing the program to the Kensington branch.

A wide variety of interactive CD ROMs will be available. Titles include: small business startup, home and garden planning, management, remodeling, accounting and children's programs.

Children's programs include David MacCauley's award-winning "The Way Things Work."

### History Alive! Chautauqua

On Sunday, Oct. 10, the Richmond Museum of History will present "History Alive! Chautauqua," a portrayal of Juana Briones, one of the Gold Rush era's most fascinating women, by renowned local storyteller Olga Loya. This exciting theatrical presentation will be held in the auditorium of Washington School, Point Richmond, at 2 p.m. A reception will

follow the performance.

Juana Briones was a successful woman in California, with ties to the Bay Area. Pablo, the land were owned by Pablo and El Cerrito area. She was the daughter of a San Francisco President. The first residents of the area were successful in business, rancher, landowner and politician, which is an unusual combination. She fought for land grant, in what is now San Francisco, all the way to the Supreme Court.

Olga Loya will bring history to life in a dramatic, accurate monologue. Follow minute monologue, the character will take questions from audience members. part of the hour-long presentation. Alga Loa will break down the life and times of Juana Briones. The museum is located at 1910 Carnegie Library building, corner of Fourth and New Street. Museum hours are 10 a.m. through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Details: 235-7387.

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## Greenway

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barking dogs from the backyards adjacent to the trail and a trash-lined rocky path. Old tires and wheels from automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles were there, as were broken bottles, piles of yard trash, old shoes and clothing and various pieces of rusting metal.

But there were also areas of beauty and potential beauty all along the trail. In several places, evergreen and deciduous trees provided shade and greenery. Blackberry brambles, with red and dark purple bunches of fruit lined parts of the path. At one point hikers traveled through what one person described as a "fennel forest" where the licorice-scented plants grew more than nine feet tall on both sides of the trail.

"This is really a very nice trail," said expedition leader Judith Henderson. "Most people don't even

know this exists in Richmond."

Henderson is the head of Community Youth Council for Leadership and Education (CYCLE), a nonprofit Richmond youth group that sponsored the walk. Henderson said her group has received funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the state totaling \$100,000 to be used to develop a design plan to improve the greenway.

"We need to make this accessible and safe," Henderson said of the trail. She said that in "two to five years tops," the greenway from the El Cerrito border to First Street in Richmond will be improved and up to par. Things such as green gardens, tot lots, playgrounds and memorials are being considered for development along the trail.

El Cerrito City Council candidate Beatrice O'Keefe participated in last week's trail walk and said it is important for Richmond and El Cerrito to work together to preserve Baxter Creek and to connect the greenways in both cities to the San Francisco Bay Trail.

"We're trying to preserve Baxter Creek on the El Cerrito side and I think it's important to work with Richmond to make sure that Baxter Creek on the west side of San Pablo is also preserved," O'Keefe said. She also said that the Ohlone and Central Richmond greenways, linked to the Bay Trail, could become a "regional recreational destination" and said "the potential is very exciting."

Courtland "Corky" Boozie, candidate for the Richmond City Council, also walked the route with the group and said the trail has much potential.

Pointing towards an unimproved section of Baxter Creek near where the Richmond and Ohlone greenways meet, Boozie said "we need to do something about this." The creek currently looks more like an urban ditch than an urban creek. "I want to restore this back to its natural habitat," Boozie said.

For more information about the Richmond Greenway Project, you can call CYCLE at (510) 233-1415.

## Pool

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sible March 2000 ballot measure.

Task force members include councilmen Larry Damon and Norman La Force, Park and Recreation Commission Chairwoman Brenda Navellier, pool user Rosemarie Carlson and a possible representative from the Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole.

Some members of the Committee of the Whole, a citizen group that has been meeting twice a month for the past 18 months to study city finances and infrastructure needs, feel that this new task force may encroach on their turf or be an effort to do an end-around to bypass the committee.

Committee of the Whole Co-chair Al Miller said he thinks Councilman Mark Friedman's task force motion was a sincere effort to gather information in time for a March ballot measure. Miller added, however, "I personally am disappointed that Friedman just didn't task the Committee of the Whole" to study the issue and make a recommendation to the City Council in time to get the matter on the March ballot.

Miller said the committee has not received credible numbers about the costs of infrastructure needs in El Cerrito. "We're not the ones that develop numbers, city staff and the council are the ones that develop numbers," he said.

"Our recommendations, clearly, to the council have been — we need numbers that people can pin their hats on and believe in before we consider going to the people of the community and saying we're asking for your support to pass this measure," Miller added.

He said that some members of the Committee of the Whole doubt that this new task force will be any more successful without accurate capital needs cost estimates. "There's no way they're going to do in the next three and a half weeks what we've been unable to do for the last six or nine months because the numbers you need to make the decisions they want to make just don't exist," Miller said.

As to questions of "turf," Miller said "you have to remember that the territory that we're talking about is the City Council's."

La Force said the charge of the new task force is "to make a recommendation to the City Council as to what items, in addition to the swim center, should be placed on the ballot for a tax proposal to go to the voters in March." The group will begin meeting this week in the council chambers at the Community Center.

Asked if the task force may be impinging Committee of the Whole territory, La Force said he believes "it was never the charge of the Committee of the Whole to look at anything other than whether or not there was an operating deficit." La Force said the committee "took on a far greater role than they had and they've done it in a way that is very undemocratic, because it's a self-selecting body of people who show up to meetings and they're not elected."

Mayor Gina Brusatori said most taxpayers in the city would be willing to pay another \$70 to \$80 a year for a set time for certain civic improvements, but not a huge amount for an "omnibus" fix-everything plan.

"It could be the pool alone, or it could be the pool with some streets, and I want something shorter term," Brusatori said. "I want to see how the city and possibly the school district can contribute so that the taxpayers aren't footing the entire \$5 million cost of the pool."

"The reason for putting together the task force is to say that we've got this estimate of \$5 million for the pool, and the question before them is how best can we proceed with getting something together for a measure," Brusatori said. She added that it is "much more fundamental" than "what other things can we add to it." Brusatori characterized the task force as a "SWAT team" that will "focus on this particular thing."

"I think the Committee of the Whole can continue to do their very fine work," Brusatori said when asked about that group. She said the committee "laid the groundwork" on swim center financing and that it worked hard to "get the numbers" concerning its reconstruction. "I do think there's still a really good role for them to continue because we have so many unmet needs," she added.

Damon also praised the work of the Committee of the Whole and emphatically said that this new task force is "not at all" an attempt to do an end-around on the committee.

"The Committee of the Whole is invited into this," Damon said and that this new effort can be seen as "closure of the process for the pool" and "putting the finishing touches on the pool issue."

Damon said the "primary emphasis" of the task force will be to look at swim center finances, but that other capital projects will be considered as well. "The pool by itself is just the tip of the iceberg," Damon said. He said voters are going to want to know "how big is this whole thing," and added that projects such as the public safety building, the streets and city parks and clubhouses (if not done already) will have to be examined in the same manner that the swim center was evaluated.

No matter what the task force comes up with, most everyone agrees that the swim center needs fixing.

Consultants hired by the city to study the pool center condition, together with the public and a Swim Center Community Advisory Committee, developed the recommended master plan to renew the swim center.

At their Sept. 1 meeting, the Park and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to urge the City Council to adopt the plan. In a controversial vote at the Sept. 7 Committee of the Whole meeting, that committee also voted 11-7, with six abstentions, to recommend the \$4,930,894 swim center reconstruction plan to the council.

The new swim center would include a new 25-meter by 25-yard main pool and a repaired and expanded training/wading pool. The reconstructed complex would include new men's and women's locker rooms, new offices, new storage rooms, a new pump room and a new multi-purpose meeting room.

The consultants found numerous code violations throughout the current swim center including deteriorating pools decks and building roofs, safety hazards in the pump room, poorly located pool light junction boxes and numerous accessibility problems.

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Marc Antonine performs at Kimball's East on September 25-26

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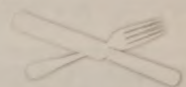
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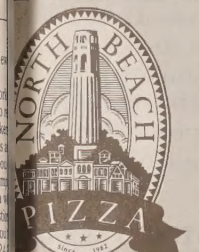
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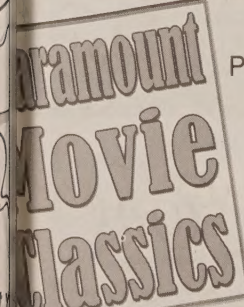
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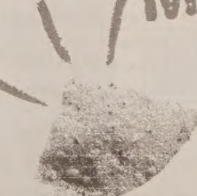
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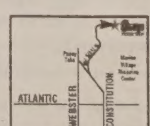
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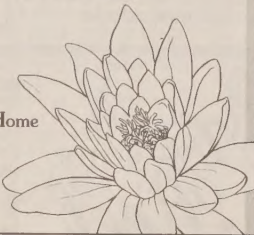


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By Joanna Cassese, CSA

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## Joseph Esherick: A Second Bay pioneer

### Owning a Piece of History

By Mark A. Wilson

"Esherick's genius was in adding a variety of shed roofs, pent gables and eaves to houses that blended into a wide variation of lot types..."



We've made much in this space of the First Bay Tradition, a brilliant school of design that flourished throughout California between 1895 and 1930. But less well reported is a subsequent generation of Bay Area architects who took the First Bay philosophy of environmental friendliness and adapted it to mid-20th century materials and construction methods. This movement was the Second Bay Tradition, and it flourished between the late 1930s and 1980.

One of the signal practitioners of the Second Bay Tradition, and likely its most prolific member, was Joseph Esherick.

Esherick designed such renowned Bay Area landmarks as San Francisco's remodeled Cannery Building, UC Santa Cruz's Stevenson College, the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the Hedge Row Housing units at Sea Ranch on the Sonoma County coast.

But Esherick is most admired among architectural scholars for his Bay Area



401 WILDWOOD AVE. in Oakland is a prime Esherick Second Bay specimen. The exterior is long and low, with an unassuming flat roof and stucco-walled forecourt. The home blends in with its redwood-studded site.

organic, site-sensitive and client-friendly single family homes. He did not focus on a particular mode or set of preferred materials. Instead, he custom-designed each

house to fit the unique needs of his clients' lifestyles.

Esherick was quietly proud of his residential work, and he noted with plea-

sure near the end of his career that his clients always kept the homes he de-

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### Real Estate Forum



By Dian Hymer

Understand how power of attorney works. You can't give it to your agent.

## Offers pull weight in writing

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# What's a home or two between friends?

Anet and I own each other's houses. We didn't actually trade; there isn't any mechanism for trading one house for another. Anet sold my husband and me her house and we sold her ours.

Anet's spacious house in Montclair required a lot of repair. Anet didn't have the resources to fix her house, and it was more space than she needed, so she decided to sell.

I helped her clean out her closets, wash the windows and hold a garage sale. When the house was ready, it occurred to me that maybe her house would work for my family.

My husband, children and I were living in North Oakland in a small but sturdy Victorian. When there were only two of us, we spent much of our time happily remodeling and restoring. We built a flower garden. We had ample and attractive space until our second child was born.

Expanding into the third floor attic gave us extra room, but it turns out that small children cling closely to their parents. All of us were eating, playing, entertaining and watching television in one overly crowded living room.

It was a problem that money could certainly solve, but we simply didn't have the resources to buy a larger space and to pay the much higher property taxes that would be assessed on a new house.

Because my husband was over 55, we would be allowed to retain our low tax rate if we bought another house in Alameda County. But there was a catch: we had to buy for less than we sold for. It appeared to us that the only houses we could buy

## True Experiences



By Tarpo and Talbert

would be in pretty bad shape.

Well, what about Anet's house? It was big enough, there were bedrooms enough for us all, and the price worked. Unfortunately, we hated it.

It was a blah-looking ranch style house with discolored aluminum windows and sliding doors, the all-plywood flooring covered in fuzzy carpets and harlequin-patterned vinyl. Both the front porch and the main bathroom floor were wet and rotted, and the electricity, heat, plumbing and drainage needed to be replaced. Our architect studied the property and asked, "Why do you want this house?"

I don't remember now when Anet suggested that she buy our house. She had made an offer on another house but it hadn't worked out. I guess that's when she started thinking that our little Victorian would work well for her — and also for our business office. We had just formed our business partnership, and Anet thought an addition my husband and I had built onto the house some years

before would make an ideal real estate office.

We spent that summer learning firsthand how hard moving is. We tell people this: moving is consuming. Finding a house is only a tiny bit of what is required to buy and move. We arranged loans. We packed and sorted and cleaned. My husband and I consulted with workers, got bids, revised our plans. We spent days and evenings planning, then picking up and moving every item we owned: every plate and cup, rake and table saw, trench coat, plastic jack-o-lantern.

We had help, of course. We hired a moving company to choreograph the loading of a truck at each of the houses on the same Saturday morning. The trucks passed on the freeway, one on the way to Anet's old house with our stuff, the other filled with Anet's things on the way to her new house.

There were advantages to buying each other's houses. We were able to move some things ahead of the official moving day. After the move, we continued to dig up plants from our old garden to bring to the new one. While we were figuring out the remodeling, my husband and I were free to spend hours, even whole days with contractors in the house that didn't yet belong to us.

Because we traded houses, we didn't have to get new phone numbers. Anet took our number and we took hers. Once in a while one of us gets a call from an old friend we haven't talked to in years. Instead of getting a disconnected number, the friend gets one of us.

Before it was our house, we hired a tree expert to cut down many sun-starved, misshapen trees in Anet's backyard. We had mourned leaving our garden; now, with a sun-filled clearing, we could see that we would be making a new garden space.

My family and I camped in our new house while we tore it apart. Sometimes we had to wash our dishes in the bathtub. We discarded the front door, porch and stairs, then rebuilt them. We tore out the ceilings in the main rooms, removed a number of walls, baseboards and windows before putting in new ones.

It's been about eight years since the house exchange. My husband and I divorced last year. When he went, I lost my house project partner. After he left, Anet moved in with me. Here she is, back where she was before. She says it's marvelous, exciting to see her old house looking good, being restored to health.

Work on the house may never be finished. The sliding doors are gone and most of the metal windows, too. I had wood floors put down in the main rooms — the best money I ever spent in my life! The heating, electricity, and drainage are all in good working order. But I think the shower pan still leaks. I must get to that soon.

Maybe it's true — it is for Anet — you can go home again.

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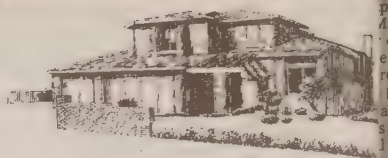
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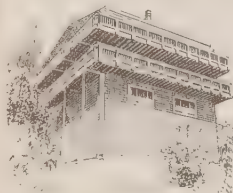
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# Freddie Mac, black universities launch homeowner initiative

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Freddie Mac, a leader and innovator in the mortgage lending industry, announced a joint multi-year, \$100-million dollar consumer credit initiative aimed at increasing minority homeownership rates by helping consumers to better understand and improve their own credit records.

"Our goal is to ensure that as many families as possible have the opportunity to own a home," said LeD C. Brendsel, chairman & CEO of Freddie Mac. "This initiative furthers our mission to help make the American dream of decent access to housing a reality."

According to Freddie Mac, 72 percent of white households own homes, compared to 46 percent of African-American households. Poor credit is often cited as one of the leading factors in the rejection of mortgage applications.

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Freddie Mac and the HBCUs are analyzing the results, which will be used to develop an innovative initiative to help consumers obtain and maintain good credit.

"We are excited to participate in a program that can help our young people better prepare to buy homes for their families," said Dr. David H. Swinton, president, Benedict College.

The National Urban League and the NAACP have agreed to help implement the broad-based initiative, including distributing an educational curriculum for teenagers and young adults which Freddie Mac and the HBCUs will develop to provide practical information on maintaining good credit.

"This is a very important initiative," said Hugh Price, president of the National Urban League, who attended the press conference at the National Press Club. "Nothing stabilizes neighborhoods and communities faster than increasing homeownership. It instills a sense of pride in families and neighborhoods. It will give parents a chance to raise their children in safer surroundings, and it will have a big impact on our society."

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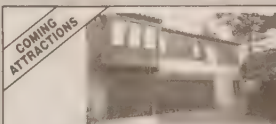


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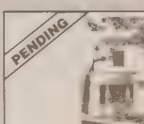
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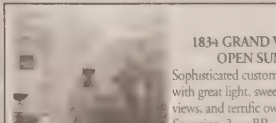
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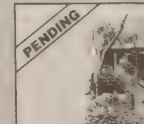
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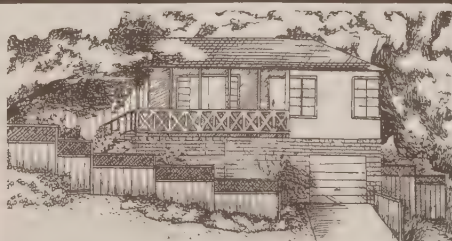


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## Study: Millennium to juice housing demand

By Alan J. Heavens  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Regardless of when you believe it arrives, the new millennium will bring increasing home sales and a steady level of housing demand, according to a study by the National Association of Realtors.

I say when you believe it arrives because 99 percent of the population believes it will happen Jan. 1, 2000, though the event actually doesn't happen until Jan. 1, 2001.

I don't care, really. Recall that 99 percent of the people of medieval Western Europe believed the world would end at the start of the second millennium.

I can only hope that the world won't come to an end this time, either, because that would be the ultimate downer for the real estate industry.

Just imagine: Realtors and builders survive runaway inflation and double-digit interest rates in the early 1980s and the downturn of the early 1990s, only to have the world go piffit in the middle of a boom market.

I don't think so. Neither does Terry McDermott, the NAR's executive vice president, who presented the findings of the study at the association's convention late last year in Anaheim.

The study projects that existing-home sales will average 4.6 million units per year between 2000 and 2010, then rise to 4.9 million per year between 2010 and 2020.

That's better than the thinking back in 1988, when the NAR presented a rather pessimistic outlook based on the decline in traditional household formations, which long

## 'Diversity is the key' to expanding market

have been critical to sales of existing and new housing.

What do we mean by traditional? Ozzie, Harriet, David and Ricky, or Ward, June, Wally and the Beav?

Well, according to the title of a seminar at the International Builders Show in Dallas awhile back, "Ozzie and Harriet Are Gone."

In the old days, "If you knew where the baby boomers were ... you were successful," McDermott said. "But as the number of more traditional households shrink, diversity is the key that will open the market."

The industry has decided to focus on the changing needs of three generations: the baby boomers, Generation X (also called the baby busters, born 1965 to 1979) and the Millennium Generation (born after 1979). Their housing needs will define the market for the next 20 years.

There are fewer Gen Xers than boomers, but the ranks will be filled by "10 million immigrants and minority buyers, whose home desires will fuel the first-time buyers' market till the Millennium Generation comes up," McDermott said.

These buyers will focus especially on the urban housing market, "mitigating suburban sprawl," McDermott said. Thus far, they have helped push the homeownership rate to a historic high.

The immigrants' effect is greater near their points of entry — primarily the Northeast, the West Coast, Texas and Florida, McDermott said. Racial and ethnic diversity will

continue to increase, he said. By 2020, the white population will shrink from 76 percent to about 64 percent.

Hispanics will surpass African Americans as the leading minority group, accounting for 16 percent of the population. African Americans will account for slightly less than 13 percent, while Asians and Pacific Islanders will equal about 4 percent.

Simultaneously, the senior market will grow. About 75 percent of seniors prefer homeownership, but will want housing that's easily maintained and close to recreation and services.

"There will be exceptional demand for well-appointed, single-family homes located within the same market area" in which the seniors are already living, McDermott said.

Aging of each of the generations will determine buying patterns.

"Each generation will shift in its housing needs, keeping the housing market strong" during the first part of the new century, McDermott said. For example, the fastest-growing demographic group will be 45- to 65-year-olds, which means there will be strong demand for upscale housing

and second homes.

The number of single households is expected to be increasing into a need for upgrades, condos and townhomes.

The Millennium Generation is expected to reach its prime home-buying age in seven years, McDermott said. By 2020, there will be about 40 million and the key trade-up housing generation will be in the trade-up market.

In the next century, the buying process will become easier, the result of deregulation, new technologies, McDermott said.

"The Millennium Generation is techno-savvy, and will do their home-searching on the net," McDermott said. "Between 1980 and 1997, the use of the Internet for a home search and we expect it to really multiply by the time this generation enters the housing market."

"Millennium buyers will be knowledgeable, and it will be more for them to show prospective homes to a realtor."

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## REAL ESTATE NOTEBOOK

## Purchase offer terms protect buyers

By Robert J. Bruss  
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICE

Although mortgage interest rates are slightly in the past few months, banks to a robust economy home buyers are still out in droves. The market isn't as competitive as it was in spring, but homes are still selling briskly in most cities.

Now residence buyers can be a little more demanding. No longer are cash, no-contingency purchase offers expected by home sellers. There is still a shortage of reasonably-priced home listings in many areas, but now buyers should at least consider including special terms for their protection.

Here are six essential home purchase offer terms that buyers should discuss with their agents:

**Good-faith earnest money deposit**

The larger the deposit attached to home purchase offer, the greater the probability that (a) the seller will accept the offer and (b) the sale will close on schedule without problems. Experienced agents understand this, so they try to get their buyers to put up large deposits with offers. Few agents ask for 10 percent deposits, but 1 to 5 percent of the offered price is more typical. However, few buyers who don't want to tie up much cash often make modest \$5,000 to \$10,000 deposits with their offers and agree to increase the deposit when the purchase offer contingencies are removed.

The deposit should always be held beyond the seller's grasp until the offer closes. Some realty agents want the deposit placed in their brokerage trust accounts. Others recommend having deposits held by the closing agent, such as an attorney, bank, title or escrow firm.

**Personal property to be included**

Most Realtors recommend home sellers leave their furniture in the home to show prospective buyers how nice the home can look. Some agents even arrange to "stage" a home, which means the seller's furniture is removed and a professional decorator provides rental furnishings that provide a model home look.

Many buyers want some or all of the seller's personal property included in the sales price. Well-written purchase offers specify which personal items are to be included, such as window coverings, screens, storm windows and doors, wall-to-wall carpets and outdoor TV antennas.

Buyers who want additional personal property items, such as the seller's refrigerator, washer, dryer and patio furniture, must list them in the purchase offer. Of course, the seller can say no, but sellers often realize the benefits of agreeing to include furnishings the buyer wants, in return for a higher home sales price.

**Mortgage finance contingency clause**

Even home buyers who are pre-approved by a mortgage lender should include a mortgage finance contingency clause in their purchase offers because the home might not appraise for the full sales price offered by the buyer.

When that happens, if the offer contains a finance contingency clause, the buyer may (a) increase the down payment, (b) renegotiate the price with the seller or (c) cancel the sale and get the earnest money deposit refunded. Without finance contingency clause protection, the buyer is obligated to buy and could be liable to the seller for damages if the sale isn't completed.

**Professional inspection contingency clause**

In the past 10 years, it has become almost routine for smart home buy-

ers to include a contingency for a professional inspection in their purchase offers. This is in addition to customary local inspections, such as for pest control and termites, radon, energy efficiency, roof and building code compliance.

A professional inspection contingency clause allows the buyer to cancel the sale and receive a deposit refund if the inspector's report reveals undisclosed problems with the residence. More commonly, however, this report gets the seller to pay for necessary repairs or reopens price and term negotiations.

Buyers, sellers and their agents should always accompany the professional inspector to discuss any discovered defects. For example, when I sold a house several years ago, the buyer's inspector said the gas furnace firebox was cracked and needed to be replaced. Since I had the house inspected a month earlier, I didn't believe him.

I arranged to have a gas company representative and my furnace repair technician check the furnace. They both agreed that the firebox was not cracked and that the furnace was perfectly safe. I suspect the buyer was trying to get me to pay for a new furnace before the sale closed.

Most inspectors will gladly discuss problems and what should be done to correct them. Often, what looks very bad, such as a fireplace crack, isn't serious and can be repaired inexpensively. Even buyers of brand-new houses should hire professional inspectors to search for construction errors before completing the purchase.

**Liquidated damages clause**

Many printed purchase offer forms contain a liquidated damages clause. This clause means that if the buyer defaults and does not complete the purchase, the buyer and seller have already agreed on the amount of

damages the seller will receive from the buyer's earnest money deposit.

Some states limit the amount of liquidated or agreed damages. For example, California limits forfeited residential sale liquidated damages to the lesser of 3 percent of the sales price or the actual amount of the buyer's good faith deposit.

**All-inclusive weasel clause**

Some home buyers want to be able to cancel their home purchase if they change their minds. So they include an "all-inclusive weasel clause" such as "This purchase offer is contingent on the buyer's attorney (or financial advisor) approving this purchase contract within five business days after the seller's acceptance."

Such a controversial clause provides a "free look" while your attorney, CPA or other advisor reviews the contract. However, many sellers won't accept such escape clauses, which tie up the house, effectively taking it off the market. To avoid the need for such an escape clause, consult a real estate attorney or other advisor before making the purchase offer.

**Conclusion**

Home buyers should be aware of the protective clauses that can be included in purchase offers; however, buyers should keep their offers as simple as possible to increase the probability that the seller will accept and that the sale will close smoothly on schedule.

More details are in my new special report "Essential Terms Every Home Buyer Should Include in Their Purchase Offer" available for \$4 from Robert Bruss, 251 Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010 or by credit card at 800-736-1736.

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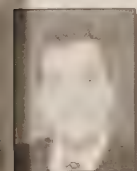
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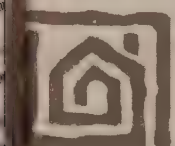
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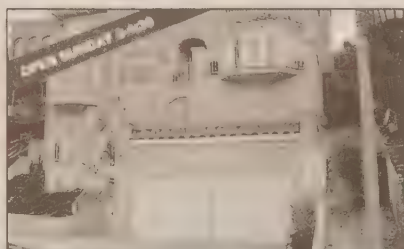
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But what should the first timer do first — before contacting a lender?

■ Potential home buyers often fail to gather all the financial information needed to get a mortgage. Lenders want to know all about your earnings, debts, obligations, cash assets, equities and taxes.

■ Borrowers need to collect at least three most-recent month's statements of assets. Some accounts, such as retirement IRAs, pensions, 401(k) programs may arrive quarterly, semiannually or annually. In those cases, borrowers must be able to produce the most recent statements, complete with relevant account numbers and addresses. If the borrower is self employed, she needs even more documentation.

Many borrowers don't realize that they fall into the self employed category. Ownership of 25 percent or more in a company or commissioned income means different documentation requirements.

Most lenders require a two to three year history that they will average to count the income.

Usually, three years of tax returns and 1099 forms will suffice for commissioned salespeople. Business owners will need corporate or partnership returns as well.

## Mortgage Madness



By Karen Senzig

Avoid unrealistic expectations. Don't set yourself up for disappointment

■ Credit problems can stop the home buying process cold. A major problem are credit explanations that are not adequately documented and supported or which do not relate to the dates of delinquencies on the credit report. It is equally important

to have established credit in the first place. The lender is looking for at least three trades (credit cards or loans) seasoned at least 12 months. You may really appreciate those student loans about now.

■ If the borrower's parents or someone else is giving him a gift to help with the down payment or closing costs, the lender will require proof that the donor actually has the money to give and that paper trail — a copy of the gift check, the deposit into the buyer's account and the check that goes to escrow — is fully documented.

■ Avoid unrealistic expectations. If the borrower spends a lot of time looking at property he cannot afford, he is setting himself up for disappointment.

■ Once the requisite documentation has been collected, the borrower

should visit a local loan officer to be pre-qualified. The lender will reveal what the borrower can afford and will promise to deliver that loan if all the information pans out.

■ If you buy a house and you know it's a fixer-upper and will need major repairs, consider looking into a mortgage that will allow a home improvement line of credit — that is unless you are one of the fortunate

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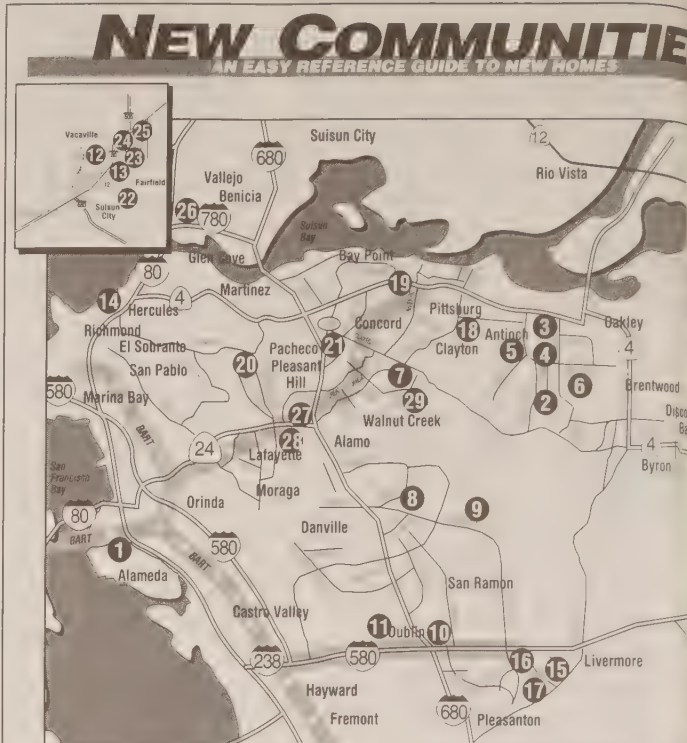
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In order to test the exterior walls for leakage, we rustled up a garden

## Film Foundation



By Don Pearman

A cup or two of water during each rainstorm got in. And the effects were substantial.

hose and sprayed the roof area near the leaks to see what would happen. The roof had a moderate pitch and parapets were about a foot high. I feared that the shallow pitch on the roof or the parapets could have caused the leaking, but I was proved wrong.

OK, strike one. We next tested the windows adjacent to the leaking areas. The

works stayed dry.

Strike two. Then we tested the stucco wall. In both locations, cracks in the stucco allowed water to flow through and behind the building paper behind the stucco, causing the plywood panels and saturating the framing.

Crack! A home run. This stucco on the exterior of this 1930s house, located about a block from a point on the Hayward fault, had been redone three years earlier. The owner had wanted all the shear strength that he could get in his house, and replaced the old one by fours that had been used to support the old stucco with five-eighths-inch shear ply. The home's perimeter had been shear-paneled from the sill to the roof.

Then the owner had repapered with two layers of 30-minute building paper. He installed the stucco wire with furring nails. He refashed the windows and reinforced the

corners around the windows and doors with extra strips of wire. Then he applied three layers of stucco.

This code-plus method of stucco application normally prevents or greatly reduces stucco cracking. However, this house is few blocks from the Hayward fault and sits in a slide area where the ground moves year-round. The movement is not great, but it is continuous.

A few years after installing the stucco, the owner noticed the building's exterior lined with cracks caused by the soil movement. Two of the cracks already were leaking.

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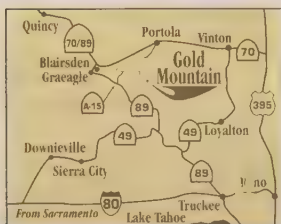
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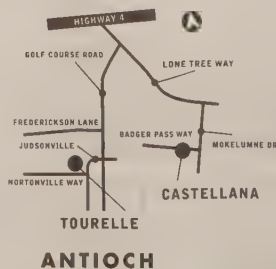
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## Esherick

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signed for them. "They never disapproved" while living in his houses, he said.

### about the man

Joseph Esherick was born in Philadelphia in 1914. After an apprenticeship as a furniture maker with his uncle, he studied architecture at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1938, Esherick moved to the Bay Area to begin a career in architecture that was to last 60 years, until his death in 1998.

Esherick arrived in the Bay Area as the Second Bay Tradition was getting started. The leading architect of the early Second Bay Tradition, whose work had a major impact on Esherick, was Gardiner Wharrier and William Wurster.

Daley and Wurster were using redwood shingles and wooden siding over

balloon frame structures to create simple, vernacular houses that blend well with the redwood-covered streets and lots in which they were set.

Esherick's genius was in adding a variety of shed roofs, pent gables and overhanging eaves to houses that blended into a wide variation of lot types: level ground plots to steeply-sloped hillsides.

After working for other architects for a few years, Esherick joined the Navy during World War II. When he returned to San Francisco in 1946, he opened his own architectural firm.

In 1952, he was hired to teach architecture at UC Berkeley, where he worked for more than four decades. He eventually became dean of the prestigious School of Environmental Design.

Also in 1952, Esherick joined forces with San Francisco architect George Homsey. Several years later, they teamed up with two other partners, Peter Dodge and Chuck Davis, forming the firm Esherick, Homsey, Dodge and Davis.

Homsey later would say of his

more senior partner, "Joe was my teacher in a very real way. (The younger partners) took his ideas and they became ours, but there was no competition."

But when it came to the firm's residential work, Homsey said "The houses were always Joe's houses."

### Sea Ranch

At Sea Ranch, a 5,000-acre development on the Sonoma coast just south of Mendocino, Esherick and Associates designed the so-called Hedge Row Housing in 1965. These six houses were the first free-standing residential units built at Sea Ranch, or the "demonstration homes" for the development.

The homes are integrated with the cypress trees along the ridge they occupy, and thus act as part of the natural windbreak there.

Esherick's Hedge Row houses at Sea Ranch have balloon framing and his trademark shed roofs, some of which are made of sod to blend more readily into their environment.

Esherick and Associates also de-

signed six more single family residences at Sea Ranch between 1967 and 1970, as well as the development's general store, restaurant and land office.

In the autumn of Esherick's career, Esherick's peers showered him with honors. In 1989, he was awarded the Gold Medal by the American Institute of Architects, for his work as "an outstanding designer, a man steeped in the arts, and a humanist with a deep concern for the betterment of our profession and our society."

In 1992 Esherick was given the first Lifetime Award by the California Council of the American Institute of Architects.

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### \* Indicates Homes Being Held Open Sunday

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**Huge Piedmont Contemporary!.....\$1,295,000**  
Huge, lovely 5BD/4.5BA retreat for comfort, privacy, bay views! Pool! Approx. 5,000 sq. ft.

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**\*Open Sunday.....\$938,000**  
**6130 Mazuela Dr.** New, spacious 5BR, 4BA, flows beautifully, gourmet kitchen, 2 fireplaces, serene canyon views.

Debora Larson 510-339-9290

**Sophisticated Views.....\$799,000**  
Elegant townhome rich in many amenities, prestigious and private with panoramic views.....

Roberta Ousterman 510-530-4372,  
510-428-0900

**\*Open Sunday! New Home!.....\$598,500**  
**6818 Charing Cross.** 3BR, 2.5BA in good neighborhood, gourmet kitchen, library/office, nice patios.

Ben-David 510-339-9290

**\*Open Sunday.....\$535,000**  
**6766 Pinehaven** 3BR, 3BA, w/ gourmet kitchen, level back yard with double lot for privacy. Built in 1994.

Erik Johnson 510-339-9290

**\*Open Sunday.....\$430,000**  
**4617 Dolores.** Craftsman farmhouse. 3+BR, 2+BA. Detailing throughout, hardwood floors, living room with fireplace.

Gene Boomer 510-339-9290



### \* Open Sunday

**\$425,000**

Lovely 3+BR, 2BA home in Crocker Highlands.  
**836 Trestle Glen.** 2-4:30.  
Gorgeous Mediterranean.  
Garden. Quality!  
Ana & Pascal  
510-273-9332, 510-845-0200

**\* 1st Open Sunday...\$319,500**  
**32 Keswick Court.** Cozy 2BR, 1BA cottage on double lot. Living room with filtered bay view, remodeled kitchen/bath.

Emily Lane 510-339-9290

**North Oakland.....\$269,500**  
4BR, 2BA. Spacious home with master suite, skylights, formal dining room, fireplace, large back yard near freeways and BART stations.

Henriette Green 510-834-2010

**Maxwell Park.....\$255,000**  
English Tudor beauty! 3BR, 2BA, hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room, garage, landscaped yard.

Diane von Goethe 510-526-5143

**Gracious Formality...\$250,000**  
Gorgeous Lake Merritt co-op for the discriminating. 2BD, 2BA, with view, spacious. Approximately 1585 sq.ft.

Caroline Slotemaker de Bruine  
510-845-0200, 510-287-8856

**\* Open Sunday!.....\$225,000**  
**322 Hanover Ave. #104.** Spacious 3BR, 2BA in excellent building, fireplace, large deck, 2 parking spaces.

Vince Moran  
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**Light, Bright Live-Work.....\$199,000**  
West Oakland, vaulted ceiling, skylights, 3 entrances, good separation, work/private space, eat-in kitchen, patio, more.

Vanessa Timon Smith  
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**New Listing Lake Merritt.....\$178,500**  
Affordable luxury! Sunny, spacious, newly decorated coop. 24-hr security, parking lovely cityscape. 1608 sq.ft.

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**Piedmont Lease...\$2800/month**  
Traditional 2-story, 3BR, light, spacious, refurbished with large yard.

Maddy Hickling  
510-428-0900

### HAYWARD

**\*New on Market ....\$177,500**  
2BR, 1BA. Huge backyard with fruit trees, clean and shows well. Open Sunday 2-4:30. **25898 Bel Aire Drive.**

Ardeene Swain 510-869-3649

### BERKELEY/ALBANY

**Beautiful View of Mt. Tam & Bay.....\$420,000**  
Lovely 3BR, 2BA No. Berk. Hills home. Workshop/plus rm, frplc, 2 car gar. Terraced yard w/ fruit trees.

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**Big Fixer! Big View!...\$375,000**  
Berkeley Hills fixer on double lot - 10K sq. ft. Incredible view. Bring your vision.

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510-845-0200

**Wonderful Victorian!.....\$335,000**  
3BR. On huge lot near 4th St. shops! Meticulously restored, fab garden! Huge basement w/ development potential

Helene Barkin  
510-273-9312  
510-849-3721

**Serene Albany!.....\$279,000**  
2BR, 1BA home in great neighborhood! Hardwood floors, fireplace in living room, more!

Luisa Castillo  
510-524-2526

**Craftsman!.....\$249,000**  
Original details & beautiful tiled kitchen & tiled bath. Full basement, laundry room, nice yard and deck.

Carol Parkinson 510-273-9078,  
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**Campus Convenience.....\$215,000**  
Quiet 2BR, 1BA condo in ideal location. Rear unit. New flooring, large balcony, parking, campus shuttle nearby.

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### WEST COUNTY

**Affordable!.....\$189,000**  
Remodeled 4BR, 2BA one level home in Rodeo. Hardwood flrs., new paint, carpet. Priced to sell.  
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**Mini Orchard!.....\$147,950**  
3BR home features oak flrs; new roof; new exterior paint, fruit & flower filled yard.  
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**7 Units Oakland.....\$639,500**  
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**Investors Get Ready.....\$310,000**  
House and duplex on one lot. 2BR, 1BA house, needs TLC. Move in condition. 2BR, 2.5BA duplex, 2 level

Muriel Watkins-Dixon 510-834-2010

**Grand Ole Duplex...\$219,000**  
Both 2BR. Units! Fine architectural details! Garage, full bsmt., decks, magical garden in park-like yard.  
Janet Kaplan 510-845-0200

**Great Triplex in Oak.....\$164,000**  
Good income and long term tenants. Building is in good shape. For more info. call me!  
John Bergman 510-337-8670

### LOTS FOR SALE

**XXX - TRA Large Lot.....\$89,000**  
22 of an acre. Parcel zoned for 2-homes. Downslope w/ views of bay, 148' ft. /240' Rear.  
John Wesley 510-339-9290

**Needs Dream Home!.....\$20,500**  
Nice lot, Richmond, near health center, freeway & school. Affordable.  
Victor Wong 510-526-5143

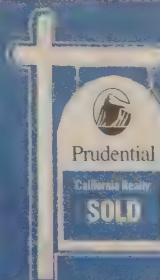
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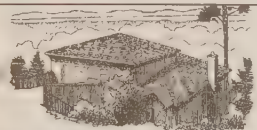
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**4170 MANILA AVENUE.....\$285,000**  
FIRST OPEN! Classic Craftsman, original wood and built-in. Two bedrooms, roomy kitchen and family room, yard with Koi pond - a fine home. Patsy Buhler ext. 238

**1079 EUCLID AVENUE.....\$545,000**  
Elegant 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Berkeley home. Kitchen family room combo, dining room, light, airy and spacious. Decks, yard, pool. Near UCB. Rose Marie Bero 819-6110

**1115 HERRIOTT.....\$165,000**  
Condo Alternative! Adorable 2BD/1BA. Perfect for 1st time buyer, hardwood floors, fireplace & cozy den. Partial view. Joy Bryden ext. 218

### BY APPOINTMENT



**MEDITERRANEAN STYLE HM IN MONTCLAIR.....\$565,000**  
Owners bought nearby home and will look at all reasonable offers! Price reduced! Nearly 2800 sq. ft. 4BD, 3BA, living rm w/ fireplace, dining rm, gourmet kitchen, 2 suites, wine cellar, level rear yard w/ pool. Inspections completed! Frank Hennefer 654-6461

**EARLY 1 ACRE ESTATE IN MONTCLAIR.....\$395,000**  
San Francisco Bay and Contra Costa views, Level pad area. 4000 sq. ft. No reports, may be possible to subdivide. Frank Hennefer 654-6461

**FOR LOTS-PIEDMONT PINES.....\$285,000**  
Package includes 4-lots on secluded yet convenient White Ct., just off Orchard Canyon in Oakland's upscale Piedmont Pines. All utilities at street. Look at: www.wellsandbennett.com. Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780

**LEVEL IN DOWNSLOPE WITH VIEWS.....\$199,000**  
Bay and Canyon views add to this lot surrounded by homes from \$500K to \$900K. 10,000+sq. ft. Soil reports available. Carol Robbiano x 292



**3718 ARDLEY.....\$305,000**  
1st Open! Glenview charming traditional. Original details and tasteful updating. Two plus bedrooms. Remodeled kitchen. Two car attached garage. Noll Davis ext. 263



**3215 LORENZO.....\$142,000**  
Sweet Starter. Lovely hardwood flrs in living rm, dining rm & bedroom. Original claw foot tub in bathroom. Utility rm & plus rm off kitchen for office or pantry. Carol Robbiano ext. 292

**1094 TEVLIN STREET, ALBANY.....\$389,000**  
NEW LISTING! Lovely, spacious 3BD/2.5BA townhome at end of quiet cul-de-sac in wonderful Albany location. Living rm opens to private backyd, which backs on creek. Fresh paint, new carpets & redone hardwood floors inside. Don Dunning 482-2256

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**GREAT STARTER HOME.....\$128,500**  
Good locale near Maxwell Park. 2BD/1BA home with living room, fireplace, dining room, big eat-in kitchen. Home was formally rented and does not show well, but lots of potential. Frank Hennefer 654-6461

### LAND

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS LOTS!.....\$110,000**  
Two buildable lots, prime location, \$144,000 mid \$149,000. Patsy Buhler ext. 238

**TWO SIDE BY SIDE VIEW LOTS.....\$110,000**  
Wonderful Bay views add to these two buildable, medium-sized lots. Homes of \$300K-\$400K in surrounding neighborhood. Carol Robbiano x 292

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## ALAMEDA

1509 Alameda Av #6 - \$263,000  
 3239 Bayo Vista Av - \$420,000  
 2914 Bayview Dr - \$325,000  
 1019 Camelia Dr - \$127,500  
 2101 Central Av #6 - \$185,000  
 367 Centre Ct #96D - \$275,000  
 2257 Clinton Av - \$309,000  
 3279 Encinal Av - \$316,000  
 3253 Fernside Bl - \$456,000  
 1085 Independence Dr #159 - \$320,000  
 1014 Ironwood Rd - \$357,000  
 49 Justin Cr - \$445,000  
 3520 McSherry Wy - \$318,000  
 3446 Mecartney Rd - \$290,000  
 23 Moore Ct - \$392,000  
 2209 Otis Dr #5 - \$108,000  
 2167 Pacific Av - \$269,000  
 1039 Post St - \$386,000  
 530 Queens Rd - \$370,000  
 2837 Santa Clara Av - \$545,000  
 343 Santa Clara Av - \$268,000  
 1422 Sherman St - \$270,000  
 1424 Sherman St - \$180,000  
 1129 Versailles Av - \$305,000  
 1333 Webster St #A217 - \$142,000  
 3004 Windsor Dr - \$335,000

## ALBANY

1048 Curtis St - \$297,000  
 909 Ordway St - \$380,000  
 535 Pierce St #4315 - \$220,000  
 555 Pierce St #C106 - \$145,000

## BERKELEY

1729 6th St - \$425,000  
 1833 Addison St - \$481,000  
 1836 Arch St - \$342,500  
 1524 Campus Dr - \$445,000  
 1201 Cornell Av - \$320,000  
 1636 Cornell Av - \$292,000  
 2518 Dana St - \$290,000  
 2305 Derby St - \$411,000  
 1812 Dwight Wy #12 - \$246,500  
 1445 Dwight Wy - \$255,000  
 2515 Hilgard Av #4 - \$350,000  
 684 Hilldale Av - \$635,000  
 887 Indian Rock Av - \$552,000  
 2700 Le Conte Av #19 - \$215,000  
 2000 Los Angeles Av - \$757,000  
 843 Mendocino Av - \$676,000  
 1120 Monterey Av - \$120,000  
 55 Northampton Av - \$495,000

## ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 26  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$108,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$545,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$309,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$306,788

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$145,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$380,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$220,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$260,500

## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 26  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$120,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,115,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$350,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$413,673

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 9  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$235,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$425,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$275,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$304,000

## EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 3  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$79,500  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$197,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$165,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$147,167

## EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 6  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$85,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$230,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$139,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$145,167

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 129  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$75,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$750,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$187,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$232,996

## PITDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 3  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$509,500  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$669,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$625,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$601,167

## RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 54  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$78,500  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$400,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$172,500  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$181,398

## SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 38  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$105,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$392,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$220,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$231,934

1417 Oxford St - \$338,000  
 768 San Luis Rd - \$1,115,000  
 1452 Scenic Av - \$600,000  
 2327 Spaulding Av - \$235,000  
 2817 Telegraph Av - \$461,000  
 2412 Valley St - \$205,000  
 1805 Virginia St - \$363,500  
 2825 Wallace St - \$130,000

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529 Bonnie Dr - \$285,000  
 536 Colusa Av - \$340,000  
 1355 Contra Costa Dr - \$425,000  
 6609 Gatto Av - \$339,000  
 507 Kearney St - \$235,000  
 5529 MacDonald Av - \$270,000  
 1417 Norvell St - \$307,000  
 1301 Richmond St - \$260,000  
 7427 Seaview Pl - \$275,000

## EL SOBRANTE

2015 Rancho Rd - \$165,000  
 5555 San Pablo Dam Rd - \$79,500  
 432 Valley View Rd - \$197,000

## EMERYVILLE

3 Admiral Dr #258 - \$87,000  
 3 Admiral Dr #259 - \$85,000  
 6 Admiral Dr #282 - \$170,000  
 6 Admiral Dr #A471 - \$230,000  
 6363 Christie Av #2402 - \$160,000  
 3 Commodore Dr #352 - \$139,000

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1661 11th St. - 2 UNITS. \$195,000. David McIntyre, 521-8181 x1111.

3033 BLOSSOM ST. - NICE BUNGALOW ON QUIET CUL-DE-SAC. 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 fireplaces, hardwood floors. Double car garage with work area and a plus room for extra space. Carol Martinez, 521-8181 x1322.

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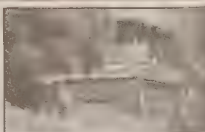
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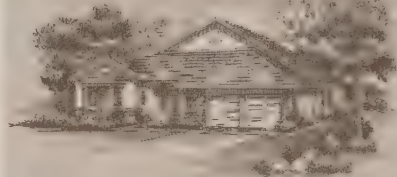
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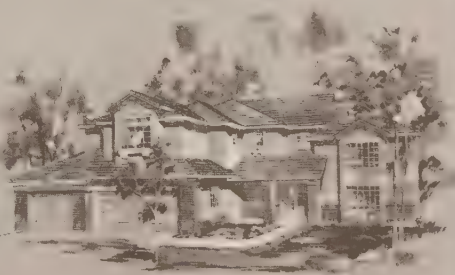
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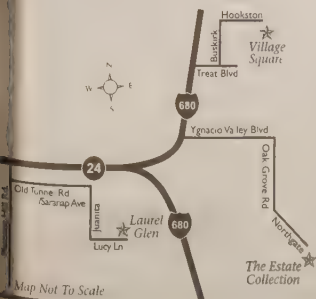
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Even though a seller negotiates with one buyer, this doesn't preclude him from entertaining offers from other buyers. Until the purchase contract and any counteroffers are accepted in writing by both the buyers and the sellers, the property is still available.

Today homes are often sold with the help of the telephone and facsimile transmission. Faxed signatures usually are binding as long as the intent is to sign the original documents at a later date. You and your partner can sign separate copies of the same document.

If you're leaving town in the middle of a negotiation and you won't have access to a fax machine, you may want to give power of attorney to a trusted friend or relative. To be legally binding, the power of attorney should be on the proper form and it should be notarized. Your real estate agent can help you with this. But don't give a power of attorney to your agent. This would create a conflict of interest because your agent is owed a commission if the sale goes through.

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So, even though a written authority letter saves time during the negotiation process, you could lose out to another buyer whose offer is properly signed. You also risk committing to terms you hadn't anticipated if you're dealing with a less than scrupulous agent.

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Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California," and "Starting Out, The Complete Home Buyer's Guide," both from Chronicle Books. Order copies from Chronicle books: (800) 722-6657.

## Housing

FROM PAGE B4

agent, permitting agents and brokers to focus on professional services rather than educating buyers on the basics," he said.

Between now and 2020, the U.S. population will grow by 2.4 million a year, according to the Census Bureau, which translates into 1.1 million to 1.2 million new households per year and a need for more housing.

"However, there will not be a smooth trend in the overall market," he said. "We expect housing starts to decline somewhat between 2000 and 2005, then increase to serve emerging and niche markets."

Housing starts will rebound in 2005 and level off in 2010, the study indicates. Multifamily construction will grow through 2015, and level off.

"Existing-home sales are expected to rise between 2000 and 2020, so the level of construction activity will fluctuate," McDermott said.

A growing desire for vacation houses, coupled with an increase in the number of 45- to 54-year-olds, which is the prime age for second-home buying, means that the demand for second homes will boost the level of housing starts by 100,000 to 150,000 units annually through 2020.

"Keep in mind that these projections speak to the underlying need for housing and the fundamental impact of demographic changes," McDermott said.

"Inevitably, there will be short-term downturns resulting from economic cycles and outside events, but this study demonstrates the continuous stability of the housing market well into the 21st century."

## First-time

FROM PAGE B6

few who, even though (or because) you are a first time home buyer, have a bunch of money in the bank.

Remember that a first time home buyer includes those people who have not had any ownership in any

kind of real estate for a minimum of three years, all those folks who took a vacation from Mortgage Madness.

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband, Scott. She can be reached at 510-339-8511; fax 510-339-3814 and E-mail ksenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with mortgage questions for discussion.

## Leaks

FROM PAGE B7

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Don Pearman is a northern California contractor and author of "The Termite Report: How to save your home from pests, rot and earthquakes." Address questions to 2001 Hoover Ave., Oakland, CA 94602, or E-mail dpearman@earthlink.net. Web site: donpearman.com.

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Subsequent owners of the Slater home included Berkeley Mayor Sam Irving and Warren Wong, who held title from 1948 to 1957.

Let's take a look: This Colonial Revival home is one of the earliest documented examples of this style in the East Bay Area. The movement began on the East Coast in the 1880s, and took 10 years to reach most cities out West.

The front facade has many features of a raised basement Colonial Revival cottage. There is a wide veranda supported by four Tuscan columns, surrounded along the bottom by a neo-classic balustrade. There are town Bay windows decorated with pilasters, decorated in their upper panes by diamond-patterned latticing.

Perhaps the most unusual feature of all is a "miniature temple front" around the central dormer window in the hipped roof. The temple design is complete with a triangular Greek pediment and two Doric columns.

The interior of the main floor retains most of the home's original rich architectural features. In the front parlor are three original stained glass windows, a plaster rosette, a brass light fixture and a fireplace faced with "Chinese red" glazed tiles. Ceilings in all of the main floor rooms are about 12 feet high. Original hardwood floors remain in good condition despite years of use.

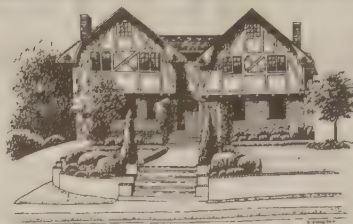
In the front bathroom are an old pedestal sink and ornate heater (likely original), purple glazed tiles and a streamlined tub (circa 1940). The transom above the front door in the entry hall still has its original beveled glass.

The living room has a fireplace faced with more "Chinese red" tiles and a 1940s-era neo-Colonial mantelpiece. Pocket doors in perfect working order lead into a magnificent dining room. This room has "old world" sophistication thanks to rich Slovenian oak paneling on the wainscoting, built-ins and fireplace mantel. There's also a superb, original cut-glass chandelier.

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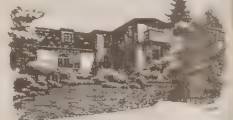
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Section C

**Soccer** Mavericks show their mettle in tournament victory [C2]**Arts** Brubeck brothers pay homage top dad at Holy Names College [C3]

## Quick start not enough for Gauchos

**El Cerrito falls in five to talented CPS**

By Scott Strain

OAKLAND — The El Cerrito High girls volleyball team might not be an easy one to figure out during the course of a season, but a talented College Prep squad sure did in a five-set match on Tuesday afternoon.

The Gauchos (3-1) cruised to 15-8, 15-11 wins in the first two sets, but then the Cougars flashed more aces than in a fixed poker game. The Gauchos lost the next three games 15-2, 15-0, 15-2 and the match was over. It was that quick.

But the loss didn't faze El Cerrito coach Rod Lee that much. "The season has been going pretty good," he said. "This our second five-game match and they've all been pretty close."

The Gauchos had defeated John Swett, Alhambra and San Leandro before losing to CPS.

"This (College Prep) is the toughest team we faced," Lee said. "They basically served us off the court in the last three games."

The Gauchos have a lot of good talent this year, led by senior setter Jessica Lee, Sloan Larson, Ola Barquis and Becca Haddas.

"We should be real competitive in the league this year," Lee said. "We need to work on a few things, as you saw today, but we should be a good team. Every one of our top players is a senior. Next year will be tough."

El Cerrito tied for third with Holy Names in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League last year, both teams finishing behind league winner Albany and runner-up Piedmont. Expect more of the same this year — those are three tough volleyball teams.

The problem El Cerrito had with College Prep can be boiled down to a term used in tennis: serve and volley. The Gauchos couldn't return the Cougars' serves in the last three sets of the match. CPS had at least 14 service aces.

"In the first two matches we served them off the court and in the last three, they did it to us," Lee said.

"Our service game was very good in the first two games," said Jessica Lee. "They (CPS) kind of figured out where to serve us. We've basically been working on short serves and deep serves and they were serving us hard and we couldn't handle that. We weren't playing real smart and I think we sort of gave up because we thought we were going to beat

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BERKELEY HIGH FOOTBALL found it tough going in its game against James Logan in the second week of a tough schedule.

## Jackets can't handle pigskin

**Berkeley turns the ball over five times in loss to Logan; week off may help**

STAFF REPORT

Berkeley High has a long time to think about his one. A 3-0 lead turned into a 33-3 loss to James Logan High of Union City and it could have been different.

With a bye this week the Yellowjackets can contemplate what would have happened if they could have handled the ball against James Logan.

Two weeks ago, Logan saw a two-

point halftime lead turn into a 33-9 loss in its football opener at Skyline High in Oakland.

The Colts did not want to repeat that performance last Friday when they visited Berkeley High. Everything — and more — seemed to go as Logan hoped.

Logan did not suffer the same fate it did against Skyline. Conversely, it was Berkeley which gave the game away as Logan cruised to a 30-point win.

The Colts (1-1) were the beneficiaries of five turnovers, as the Yellowjackets (0-2) struggled for the second consecutive week. Berkeley was coming off a 42-6 loss to Bishop O'Dowd a week earlier.

Logan got off to a slow start but wound up dominating most of the game. Colts quarterback Frank Santos threw

for 193 yards and two touchdowns against two interceptions. Craig Ronny rushed for 75 yards and a touchdown.

But the story was Berkeley's inability to hang onto the ball. The Yellowjackets fumbled six times — including three by quarterback Rashad Edwards — and lost four of them. Edwards also threw an interception.

As a result, the Colts got a big lead early and didn't have to break a sweat in the second half.

Berkeley, just as it did against O'Dowd, scored the game's first points.

Santos' first interception set up a 25-yard field goal by Jamie Bloomsburgh and a 3-0 Berkeley lead.

But the Yellowjackets' fortunes were short-lived.

Logan came right back to take an 8-3 lead on a four-play, 56-yard drive capped by a nice lob pass from Santos to Fred Amey for a 29-yard score.

After the Yellowjackets went three-and-out, the Colts marched 74 yards for a 15-3 lead. Santos hooked up with Brian Bowman for the last 10 yards on another lob pass.

After that, things fell apart for Berkeley. The Yellowjackets' next four possessions ended with an Edwards fumble, a Keith Stephens fumble, an Edwards interception and an Erik Turner fumble. Turner's turnover came on the first possession of the second half and set up Logan's final touchdown, a Ronny 5-yard scoring run that made it 30-3.

## Panthers rebound by blasting Jets

**Piedmont should provide a good test for St. Mary's on Friday**

By Scott Strain

ALAMEDA — The St. Mary's High football team got back on track by wallowing hapless Encinal 62-7 last Saturday at Willie Stargell Field, but the Panthers really don't know what kind of team they have yet.

Is it the one which lost 20-8 at Rior-dan 12 days ago because it couldn't keep the Crusaders' offense off the field? Or is the one that ran all over the mistake-prone Jets in their Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener?

It is probably neither one of those. The Panthers (1-1) face a whole new set of problems when they travel to Piedmont Friday night for an 8 p.m. game.

The Highlanders (1-1) could well be 1-0-1; only a last-minute (actually 4.8 seconds) Campolindo touchdown pass beat the Highlanders 21-14 two weeks ago.

Piedmont coach Pat George said after the game he wasn't going to go to an overtime period. Piedmont beat Alameda

35-0 last Friday night.

The St. Mary's-Piedmont game Friday will be a true dichotomy — St. Mary's' strong running attack against Piedmont's passing game.

St. Mary's sophomore Tristian George piled up 116 yards on 10 carries and scored two touchdowns. Eddie Smith ran 10 times for 110 yards against the Jets, scoring two touchdowns. In all, the Panthers gained 338 yards on the ground.

Piedmont quarterback Drew Olson completed 8 of 10 passes for 162 yards and three touchdowns, all to wide receiver Peter Schneider, in the victory over Alameda.

### Key to winning

The key to this game might be the play of St. Mary's quarterback Michael Smith and that of Highlanders running back Josh May.

Smith threw only five times against Encinal, connecting three times for 55 yards. He had no touchdown passes and

threw one interception.

May rushed for 98 yards against the Hornets and scored twice on runs of one and five yards.

St. Mary's must run the ball to win. George, Eddie Smith and James Sanders (11 carries, 61 yards) have the requisite quickness and speed to cause the slower Highlander linemen no end of trouble.

Only if Piedmont's down linemen can knife through the St. Mary's offensive line and knock the runners down before they accelerate will the Highlanders have a chance to slow the St. Mary's attack.

It will put an incredible amount of pressure on the linebackers. Mike Smith is also an option threat, but if the Panthers have to throw to win, they probably won't.

Conversely, the St. Mary's defense must jam up May and put pressure on Olson, one of the best young high school quarterbacks in the East Bay.

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## Gauchos hammer winless Spartans

**McBride and Rose make big plays to help El Cerrito overcome Pinole Valley**

By Joe Wolfcale

El Cerrito High School football coach Frank Milo may have not been happy with his method for shutting in plays last Friday night, but he certainly couldn't complain about the end result.

The host Gauchos (2-0 overall) stumbled throughout the game, getting several play calls mixed up, but senior quarterback Joe McBride made good on those that got to him as he led the Gauchos to a 30-18 nonleague win over Pinole Valley (0-2).

McBride completed 10 of 18 passes for 192 yards and one touchdown and scrambled for a 12-yard touchdown in the second quarter to lead El Cerrito.

Running back David Rose battled his way to 147 yards on 22 carries and two touchdowns as the 5-foot-11 senior seems the likely candidate to assume the role of star running back after Terrell Roberts left for college.

Junior Ricky Gatewood hauled in

three passes for 120 yards, including a 36-yard touchdown strike from McBride in the third quarter to give El Cerrito a comfortable 22-8 lead. Gatewood was playing wideout because standout Jason Washington was on the sidelines in street clothes serving a one-game disciplinary suspension.

"Tonight it was a little tough for us at times, but we battled through it," Milo said. "In some key situations, we had the wrong sets and had the plays not go right. That was early in the game and thankfully we got that out of our system. This was a big game for us, with our league opener next week."

### Big matchup

El Cerrito plays at De Anza on Friday evening (7:30 kickoff) in the Gauchos' Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener, an early season showdown between two of the league's favorites.

El Cerrito scored first when Rose

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# Cougars fighting spirit carries team

Albany High football hopes battle against De Anza prepares it for gridiron win over Alameda Jets

By Scott Strain

The Albany High football team will have a much easier time this week against struggling Encinal than it had last Friday when it lost to powerhouse De Anza 56-6 at Cougar Field.

The home game will be played Friday afternoon starting at 3:30 p.m. at Cougar Field.

A lot of credit goes to coach Anthony Freeman, who turned down an offer to keep the clock running during the second half when his team was down 35-6 after two quarters.

"I'm not into running clocks," he told reporters after the game. "Sports are here for winning and losing. Sometimes you have to get blown out to learn something. I think a running clock is the coward's way out. I'm not

going to do it."

The Dons scored 21 points in the second half, but Freeman's small squad fought them all the way.

The Jets are a different matter. They are really struggling, having lost to Monte Vista 40-0 two weeks ago and 62-7 to St. Mary's in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener last Saturday. Encinal (0-2 overall, 0-1 ACCAL) also has a small team, so the numbers won't engulf Albany.

Each team also has a big go-to running back. Albany has William Bennett; the Jets have Walter Scott.

Bennett scored the only touchdown for Albany against De Anza, grabbing a 64-yard pass from quarterback Tim Onweller in the first quarter that cut the Dons' lead to 8-6.

Scott scored Encinal's only touch-

down against St. Mary's on a 68-yard run. He finished with 82 yards on 13 carries.

The Cougars have a big advantage with the athletic Onweller, who was pressured by the De Anza defense into completing just 4 of 14 pass attempts for 77 yards. The Jets defense won't nearly as tough.

Ashante Dell, who ran 12 times for 19 yards against De Anza, is the other running threat for Albany, but the outcome of the game depends upon how well Bennett and Onweller outperform Scott and his teammates.

Albany (1-1, 0-1 league) finished 1-8-1 (1-7-1 in the ACCAL) last year, the tie being a 34-34 draw at Encinal.

This year, the Cougars have an excellent chance to double last season's victory total on Friday afternoon.

# Mavericks show mettle Novato with tourney tit

The Alameda-Contra Costa Mavericks tuned up for the fall season by capturing first place among under-13 girls teams at the Novato Classic Soccer Tournament, held in Novato over the Labor Day weekend.

The Mavericks, who draw players from Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Richmond and San Pablo, were among eight teams competing in their age division.

The teams were divided into two groups of four.

The Mavericks finished first in Group A and advanced to the final to meet the Lamorinda Shockwave, the Group B winner.

Despite the tremendous pressure they experienced from the start, the Mavericks did not yield against Lamorinda.

ACC's defense was strong throughout the match, allowing the Mavericks to blank the Lightning 2-0.

Goalie Emma Kemp preserved the shutout by stopping a Lamorinda penalty kick. Ariana Serrano pro-

vided excellent defensive support. Tenacious midfield play by Arden Bullard, Dea Wallach, Molly Riddle and Cara Wagner helped spark the attack.

Jennifer Smith scored the Mavericks' first goal off a well-placed corner kick from Isabel Marquez. Yesenia Martinez, persistent in attack all day long, finally received her reward with a second-half goal.

The Mavericks opened the tournament with a 0-0 draw against the Capitol Valley Crossfire of Sacramento, and followed that match with a 2-1 upset of the Stanford Quake.

The Mavericks played superb defense against Stanford. Marquez, the sweeper, and Nicole Hudley, the stopper anchored the defense.

Outside fullbacks Johari Harris and Emily Niles were also superb in helping shut down Stanford attackers.

Kemp and Lydia Arce shared goalkeeping duties throughout the tournament. Bullard, Rebecca Williams and Theresa Fortune were superb in midfield against the

Quake.

Smith got things moving for the Mavericks. After taking a corner, Smith dribbled into the middle of the pitch and

Marquez also assisted on goal, lofting a corner into the net.

The Mavericks returned the following morning to Novato Magic. In this match, they continued to perform well by scoring twice in the first half.

Throughout the match, the Mavericks played quickness to the ball and a creative flair that the Novato defenders. Their goals and her teammates to hold Novato in check.

The ACC Mavericks players, ages 11 and 12, from a broad spectrum of social and cultural backgrounds.

The team is coached by Wagner. McGregor Bullard is assistant coach.

# Gators shine at NorCal swim championships

The El Cerrito Gators Swim Team captured first place in the large-club category at the Northern California Counties Championships, held last month in Walnut Creek.

The Gators prepared well for this event. Team members fine-tuned their strokes. They repeatedly practiced their starts and turns. They worked diligently to improve their finishes and reactions. And teamwork in the relays seemed to become second nature in the weeks leading up to the meet.

Among the highlights for the Gators were the trophies awarded to Isa Guardabene (8-under girls), Tangni Nietschmann (9-10 girls), Alex Cushing (9-10 boys) and Cecilia Macchiavelli (13-14 girls) for winning the highest number of points in their respective age groups.

El Cerrito was well represented in

all age groups except 6-under. And every swimmer played a vital role in the team's overall success.

Camille Holan, a newcomer to the Gators, swam alone for the team in the 6-under age group.

Guardabene, Cristina Castro, Carmen Castro, Gabriela Bertero, Lauren Waqa, Alexa Alford, Gazelle Moinsadeh, Blake Cushing, Charles Omura, Julian Houston and Jared Jawad were the Gators' 8-under swimmers.

Nietschmann, Petra Ferretti, Emily Wei, Serena Tanaka, Kathryn Alford, Alex Cushing, Shen Liu, Francisco Castro and Kellen O'Connor swam for the Gators in 9-10 competitions.

Amy Chen, Bonnie Lucero, Adrian Connolly, Jessica Hicks, Nicole Hudley, Nora Castro, Jenya Jawad, Spencer Wei, Arther Omura, Michael Hudley, Ali John Moinsadeh and Filip

Johnova swam the 11-12 races.

Macchiavelli, Rebecca Parsa, Mark Chan, Eric Lucero and Lawrence Ma swam in the 13-14 age group.

Bobbie Haddas, Jessica Lee, Anne Marie Darrow, Julietta Strauss, Shawn Perry, Carl Melis, Dylan Connolly, Kabu Nietschmann, Greg Quan, Andre Afanisiev and Dmitriy Afanisiev competed among swimmers 15-18.

Rounding out some of the relays were Hiram Lew, Raymond Lew, Candice Mar, Stephanie Gee, Richard Falmburis and Silvio Lund.

## El Cerrito

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scouted in from five yards out with 3:26 left in the first quarter.

McBride hit Rose for the two-point conversion and the Gauchos had an 8-0 lead. Marcus Davis scampered 18 yards for a Pinole Valley touchdown with 2:34 left in the first half.

The conversion attempt failed and El Cerrito led, 8-6.

El Cerrito made it 14-6 when McBride tucked the ball under his arm and scrambled for a touchdown from 12 yards with 1:07 left in the half.

The Gauchos scored again on Gatewood's 36-yard reception from McBride with 7:46 left in the third quarter. McBride then hit Lawrence

McGrew on the conversion.

Pinole Valley came when sophomore quarterback Charlie Burton was injured. Smith connected on a 12-yard pass to cut the deficit to 14-10.

Rose's second touchdown burst with 5:33 left in the third quarter. Pinole Valley's Marcus Davis with 3:50 left in the third quarter.

## Panthers

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The Panthers must negate May and force Olson to throw on the run. They have the quickness and speed to do it. St. Mary's must blanket Schneider, the Highlanders' fastest and best receiver, and force Olson to

go to his second and third options, preferably on the run.

St. Mary's, De Anza and defending champion El Cerrito are considered the elite teams of the ACCAL with Piedmont right behind. The Highlanders will pose some unique problems for the veteran Panthers. A good, young quarterback will do that to a team.

## Gauchos

FROM PAGE C1

them, or at least some of them. Larson had three blocks for El Cerrito and Clure finished with eight.

If the match taught me one thing, it is that they Good teams have to be bad.

The College Prep matter much in terms of picture, but the Gauchos that against Albany, Pinole Valley, Holy Names. Those matches in the league standings.

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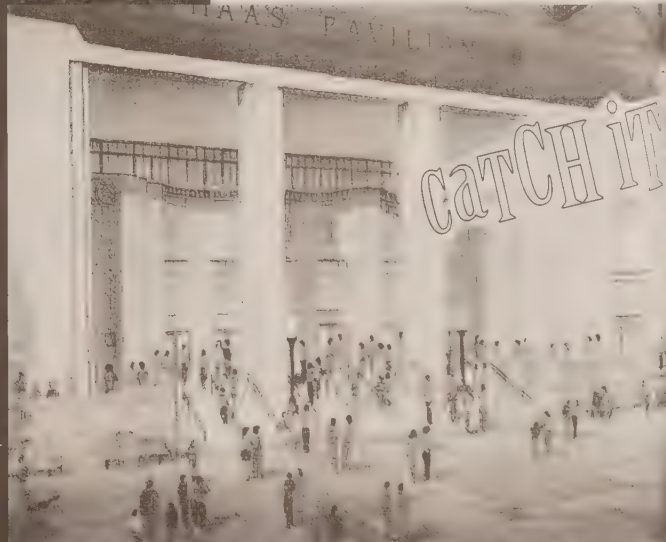
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# Arts

## Multimedia Notes

By Bill Mann

### Radio today: successful and sorry

The latest tune-out: Television has been called, not inaccurately, "an open sewer" by comedian Steve Allen and other critics recently. But compared to some of the sludge that comes from some Bay Area radio stations these days, TV smells like a rose garden by comparison.

The Federal Communications Commission has been far more concerned in recent years with enriching the TV and radio conglomerates by eliminating ownership rules and esky news and public-service requirements than it is with stopping the cluttering and the filth that now sulter the (ostensibly) public airwaves. (For anyone keeping track at home, Texas-based radio broadcast station, formerly Chancellor Cross Broadcasting, now owns seven stations here and 465 nationally. You might well wonder, as I have, how this concentration of power benefits anyone but MEM's owners. It doesn't.)

The Wall Street Journal ran a piece the other day about the recent flood of "dot.com" ads that have enched radio broadcasters, who now have advertisers over the bar. I've done some research and I find that major radio stations in the Bay Area are sold out this month — and, all their available ad spots have been sold, many to dot.com companies like Pets.com.

Dotcom companies love radio, and the National Association of Broadcasters sales exec as saying radio is having "its best year ever."

In sales, anyway, this is certainly true. The average 30-second spot on major Bay Area radio station (if you can buy one) now goes for around \$1,200, radio sales reps tell me — it was half that two years ago — and top-rated KGO is reportedly getting as much as \$4,000 (!) for one 30-second commercial on its morning-drive show.

Amazing. So, business-wise, the radio business is way up. Programming-wise, it's just the opposite: It needs to clean up its act post haste.

One dismal new talk station here at signed on last week underlines this.

"Yadda Yadda Radio," it's being called, is the old Infinity/CBS-owned country station at 1550 in San Francisco, KYCY-AM. The station's new-rated country format was rolled Sept. 13 and low-cost, low-power satellite talk shows from a Los Angeles FM Infinity talk station now dilute local airwaves at 1550.

NRA shill/convicted felon G. Gordon Liddy, who now airs middays on Yadda Yadda, is the least of the annoyances on the new talk outlet, whose programming is every bit as bad as its signal and dial position.

Gordo didn't get ratings here on finity's now-defunct KPIX Radio, and he won't get them now, either, thanks to conservative rival KSFO, sometimes called "KKKSFO."

One of Yadda Yadda's on-air provocations is "the nation's best talk show on the station with the world's best ratings." They got it half right. Another promo that aired last weekend after I'd written a piece in online radio publication, "Radio Digest.com," blasting talk host Leyskis' loathsome show, mentioned me by name as "our only listener," and followed it with a vulgarism directed at this critic. We're having a real class operation here.

As mentioned in last week's Hills column that (ostensibly) liberal Leyskis' show at 3 p.m. weekdays would provide some talk competition for KSFO's afternoon monger. The latter responded, initially, with a venomous and ardently slanderous attack on the Hills and yours truly. (No need to this guy's name. Regular readers already know who he is, and he needs publicity.)

Hadn't heard Leyskis' show since he was dropped from KPIX Radio. Santa Rosa talk station KSRO a few years ago when I wrote that here last week about his show coming to the Bay Area airwaves. Leyskis used to do a relatively light-ahead political talk show from a left-of-center perspective. I'm unprepared for the crude, vulgar and onanistic-sounding disgrace he became.

Leyskis, whose trademark lately is bragging women's breasts, has been the bottom of the barrel as far as struggles for ratings. His show is more juvenile and crude than the rest of the morning FM shows I've written about here. I'd hate to sit in with my kids in the car, as for sure.

Typical Leyskis call might begin, "I'm b—ing this chick..." Women are equal-opportunity offenders on Leyskis' infantile show,

## 'Galileo' rooted in the Age of Reason

By Pat Craig

Of course it could be a historical pageant; the story of Galileo is certainly interesting enough. The telescope, the Earth going around the sun, ticking off the pope — all that makes for some engaging drama.

But "The Life of Galileo" is written by Bertolt Brecht. The production is by Berkeley Rep. And director Mark Wing Davey says there is ever so much more than the sweep of history in the first blush of the Age of Reason.

"Well, it is tricky; whenever you do Brecht, you have to reinvent it to a point, as Brecht did anyway, particularly with this play — he was always shifting it around," says Davey, who is perhaps best known in the Bay Area for directing ACT's productions of "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches" and "Peregrinations." "One of the things that appealed to me was the play's involvement with science and the scientific revolution, a situation that seems very similar to what we are in now in Western civilization as we move into a genetic revolution — gene therapy, gene patenting and neo-Darwinism, which is Darwinism

### PREVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "The Life of Galileo," by Bertolt Brecht

■ **WHERE:** Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison Ave., Berkeley

■ **WHEN:** 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays-Saturdays, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, and 2 p.m. Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$33 previews, \$38-\$48.50 during the regular run

■ **CALL:** 510-845-4700

taken at a genetic level."

The question now is just what all this means to the human psyche, what it means to society in general. "That seems to me certainly what this play is about," says Davey. "It's a play about ownership of knowledge."

It's also about Galileo's inclination to pass off the work of others as his own. The telescope, for example, was a Dutch invention, but Galileo adopted it as his own. He even manufactured some lenses. But his main accomplishment was using it to confirm, visually, that the Copernican theory was right — that the Earth does revolve around the sun.

This was considered heresy by officials of the church, and Galileo was

compelled to recant his findings. And, under threat of torture, he agreed to do so.

Galileo was nearly 70 when he renounced his views, and was given a penance of reciting psalms every week for three years. According to legend, when he arose after finishing his renunciation, he said, "Eppur si muove" (and yet it moves). Eventually, of course, he was proven correct, but, at the time, he lost his battle.

"In the play, Galileo is not a hero or an anti-hero," Davey says. "Brecht's attitude swings back and forth, as does that of the audience."

Brecht has said that the church in

his play doesn't represent religion, but rather temporal authority. So, adds Davey, it could just as well represent anything that has power — big money, big business, anything.

Because it is Brecht, it is a political play — and again because it is Brecht, and if we are to listen to his theories, we are to view the show with our focus on the work of the entire group, rather than the impact of the individual in the story. What makes this difficult, Davey says, is that Brecht creates such interesting characters.

"That's really the ironic thing: Brecht writes very well about individuals," he says. "One question we can consider is that of it is important for the individual to survive to do greater work, or would the work get done anyway?"

Basically, the show will offer plenty of brain food for audience members. "You're not coming in for a test — you don't have to know anything at all to see this. You don't have to know about Brecht's theories, Galileo or the Renaissance," Davey says. "But it will be impossible to go through the evening without thinking and engaging your brain as you wonder why did this or that happen."

## Brubeck Bros. Quartet at Holy Names College

STAFF REPORTS

The Brubeck Brothers Quartet — the offspring of jazz great Dave Brubeck — will perform at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Names College on Sunday, Sept. 26.

Dan and Chris Brubeck, who performed with their famous father in Two Generations of Brubeck in the 1970s, will reprise some of the sounds that made Dave Brubeck a household name among the greatest jazz musicians.

Dan (drums) and Chris (guitar, trombone) grew up in the Montclair area, and had entertained aspirations of following in senior's footsteps.

Dave Brubeck, a famed composer and pianist whose quartet distinguished itself with its innovative and complex harmony, achieved great commercial success for decades. He led a service band during World War

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CHRIS BRUBECK (left) and his brother Dan help reprise some of dad Dave Brubeck's famous jazz tunes.

## Exhibit a little bit of everything

By Anita Amirrezvani

The late Jean and Francis Marshall, who lived in San Francisco, were Asian art aficionados. They once owned an enormous collection of snuff bottles, as well as more than 300 Indian miniature paintings. In 1998, their collection of Indian paintings was given to the Berkeley Art Museum, which promised to use the material for educational purposes.

The resulting exhibit, "Deities, Courtiers and Lovers: Indian Paintings from the Jean and Francis Marshall Collection," includes 101 works that span nearly five centuries of painting in a wide range of styles.

The show is organized into sections that include gods, lovers, flora and fauna, portraits, narrative paintings, early paintings from the col-

### REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Deities, Courtiers and Lovers: Indian Paintings from the Jean and Francis Marshall Collection"

■ **WHERE:** Berkeley Art Museum, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley

■ **WHEN:** Through Nov. 28

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$6 general, \$4 seniors and students

■ **CALL:** 510-642-0808

lection, drawings and paintings based on Ragamala poems.

Each thematic area includes paintings from a bewildering variety of time periods and regions. In the Deities section alone, there are 14 pieces painted during the 17th to the 19th centuries from places as diverse as Rajasthan in the north, Orissa in the east and Karnataka in the south.

For nonspecialist viewers, it would have been far more helpful to arrange the works stylistically. As it is, one walks out of the show without any firm grasp on the subject at hand.

The show is still worth seeing, however, for its many examples of beautiful work. Guest curator Robert del Bonta, a specialist in Indian art,

points out that one of the most fascinating things about Indian miniatures is the way they include both realistic and nonrealistic elements over a span of centuries.

"In India, we don't have a straight-line progression in realism in art," says del Bonta. "Artists are often aware of the use of realism and they either choose to bring it in or not."

Realism would include true-to-life portraits of individuals and Western-style perspective, as opposed to stock subjects, stock characters and a purposeful lack of perspective.

He points to one example called "Reception of the Groom," which dates from the mid-18th century. A young, dandyish groom is meeting the elders of his fiancée's family,

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## 'Beauty's' magic is its emotion

By Karen Hershenson

"American Beauty" opens with Kevin Spacey's character, Lester Burnham, recalling the extraordinary events of his 42nd year. A beaten-down suburb dweller with a control-freak wife, he talks about losing his juice, of feeling sedated.

"You know what?" he says. "It's never too late to get it back."

And thus begins a wild and wonderful movie that is the year's best so far. Darkly funny, at times heart-breaking, it is about people struggling to find themselves in a world geared in many ways to suck the life out of you.

It works on many levels, with characters so vivid they cling. There's Lester, the corporate drone in midlife crisis, married to the perpetually perky Carolyn, a real estate agent who has bought into the middle-class lifestyle with heart and soul. They were madly in love once, but the re-

### REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "American Beauty"

■ **STARRING:** Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening, Thora Birch, Wes Bentley

■ **RATING:** R (strong sexuality, language, violence and drug content)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 58 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens in the East Bay Friday, Sept. 24

■ **GRADE:** A

lationship has deteriorated into a numb shuffle.

Spacey and Annette Bening devote themselves to these roles, responding to veteran TV writer Alan Ball's screenplay, and the way it digs to the marrow of modern life. Guiding things with a graceful, sure hand is Sam Mendes, a first-time director who has already triumphed with stage productions of "Cabaret," "The Rise and Fall of Little Voice" and "The Blue Room," with a briefly nude

Nicole Kidman. There are theatrical elements to his direction, from sumptuous fantasy sequences to prolonged moments of visual poetry.

Spacey's innate irony is at home in Lester, a repressed Everyman who becomes volatile, even dangerous, as his inner warrior awakens. This is a guy who appears to be losing it, but who actually has found it for the first time.

As for Bening, it's great to see her challenged for the first time in years,

playing Carolyn as a caricature, yet deeply human. When an open house doesn't go well, this perfectly coiffed woman breaks into sobs, then slaps herself for being so weak. Between this and her recent return to the stage as Hedda Gabler, Bening seems to be having a renaissance, after a lull that found her in losers like "In Dreams."

The leads give Oscar-worthy performances, yet every player is worth mentioning. Thora Birch ("Patriot Games," "Hocus Pocus") is the Burnham's daughter, Jane, a sensitive and rebellious high-schooler; her face a study in promise and pain. She has a love-hate friendship with Angela (Mena Suvari of "American Pie"), a pretty blonde tease pretending to be more worldly than she is.

It is this budding bombshell who unleashes the chaos in "American Beauty." Already spiraling out of con-

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## HOT SHEET!

■ Jazz saxophonist Braden Marsalis performs at 8 p.m. Oct. 3 at Zellerbach Hall. Berkeley \$20-\$45. Call 510-762-8455.

■ Berkeley's Aurora Theater introduces "The Circus Manager" by Tompall Glavin. Playwright Tennessee Williams. Starts Sept. 30, 8 p.m. Call 510-845-4822.

■ The Montclair Fair Posture turns from its usual 8 p.m. Oct. 2-3. Free. Call 510-339-1000.

## EVENTS

### Berkeley Repertory Theatre

"The Life of Galileo" by Bertolt Brecht adapted by David Hare plays Sept. 22 through Nov. 5. There will be post-play discussions Oct. 7, Oct. 29 and Nov. 2. Cost is \$38-\$48.50.

Performances are Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m.; Sunday, 8 p.m.; 7 p.m.; Sept. 22, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 16, Oct. 21, Oct. 30, Nov. 4, 8 p.m.; Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, 2 p.m., 8 p.m.; There is no show Oct. 1.

Berkeley Rep is at 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 510-845-4700.

"From Page to Stage," on Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. is a conversation with artistic directors Tony Taccone of Berkeley Rep and Carey Perloff of ACT about Brecht and his works. Admission is free.

Call 510-841-2541

### CAL performances

Miami City Ballet performs works set to the music of Balanchine in Zellerbach Hall at Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Sept. 23-Sept. 25, at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$20-\$42. Season-opening benefit performance Sept. 24, 8 p.m., honors A. Jess Shenson and benefits Cal Performances. Dinner and dancing in the Pauley Ballroom follow the performance. Event is in Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue.

Admission is \$20-\$42 for performance only; \$250-\$1000 for performance and celebration.

Call 510-643-8783 for celebration. A pre-performance talk with artistic director Edward Villella is Sept. 24, 7 p.m., in Zellerbach Hall. Admission is free to ticketholders.

Call UC-Berkeley at 510-642-9988 or 510-762-BASS.

### Oakland Ballet

A series of performances featuring the premiere of "Jinx" and "Djangleology," and Alonzo King's "Hovering Slightly Above the Ground," is Sept. 24-Sept. 26.

Admission: \$12-\$39, Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. at Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland.

Call 510-452-9288, or (510) 762-BASS.

### Parade and festival

"How Berkeley Can You Be?" Is a celebration of the unique character of Berkeley on Sept. 25, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Parade starts at California Street and University Avenue, and finishes at Civic Center Park. The festival has live music by local groups, children's activities, community booths, and valet bike parking. The free fest is at Civic Center Park, Martin Luther King Way and Center Street, in Berkeley.

Call 849-4688

### UC Berkeley Art Museum

■ "Deities, Courtiers, and Lovers: Indian Paintings from the Jean and Francis Marshall Collection," runs through Nov. 28.

■ Tobias Rehberger MATRIX 180 Sunny-Side Up," runs through Nov. 14. An exhibit of conceptual art by Rehberger created especially for the Berkeley museum exhibition space.

■ "From People to Paradox: The Photographs of Gerard Castello-Lopes," closes Sept. 26. This exhibit presents a look at Castello-Lopes' career as a photographer and includes black and white photographs from the period of 1957 to 1992.

■ "Art of the Sung: Court and Monastery," is a display of early Chinese works from the permanent collection.

■ "The Year of the Ox in Chinese Pottery, Painting, and Woodblock Design," is an exhibit of works from the permanent collections celebrating the Year of the Ox.

■ "18th Century Kyoto and the Emergence of the Maruyama-Shijo School," is an exhibit of 18 hanging scrolls, handscrolls and album leaves by Maruyama Okyo and his students, works influenced heavily by Western artists' focus on nature. In the Asian Gallery.

■ "From the Tombs of the Great: New Additions from the Warren King

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lection," has new items added to the museum's collection of ancient Chinese ceramics, including tomb figures buried for hundreds of years. The Asian Gallery.

■ "Images and Ideas: The Collection in Focus," open-ended. The museum periodically displays some of its permanent collection in a context meant to highlight some aspect of the objects. The three areas of focus for this exhibit are Renaissance, 19th and 20th-century American and paintings from 1940 to the present.

Docents offer guided tours of current exhibits on Thursdays, 12:15 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. Tour free with admission.

Admission: \$6 general; \$4 seniors & students ages 12-18; free children age 12 and under; free Thursday, 11 a.m.-noon, 5-9 p.m.; Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Museum is at 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Call 510-642-0808.

### Berkeley Museum of Geontology

"Pteranodon Rex," is a 20-foot, 40-foot long replica of the fearsome dinosaur made from casts of the most complete T. Rex skeleton yet excavated. "Pteranodon" is a suspended skeleton of a large reptile with a wingspan of 22 feet. The pteranodon lived at the same time as the dinosaurs. "California Fossils" is an ongoing exhibit of fossils. Admission to all exhibits free, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. in the lobby of Valley Life Sciences Building, UC-Berkeley. (Call 510-642-1821.)

### Berkeley Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology

■ "A Taste of Culture: Approaches to the Study of Cuisine," through December, considers the role of food in human cultures through art and photographs.

■ "Food in California Indian Culture," through December, provides an overview of Native California food, the implements used to prepare foods, and methods of storing and preparing various regional foods.

■ "Ancient Treasures from Mesopotamia," explores nomadic and city life in ancient and modern Iran illustrated in bronze and pottery vessels, and textiles.

■ "Approaching a Century of Anthropology: The Phoebe Hearst Museum," is a permanent installation

that introduces visitors to major topics in the museum's history, including the role of Phoebe Apperson Hearst as the museum's patron, as well as the relationship of anthropologists Alfred Kroeber and Robert Lowie to the museum.

■ "Ishi and the Invention of Yahi Culture," documents the culture of the Yahi Indians of California as described and demonstrated from 1911 to 1916 by Ishi, the last surviving member of the tribe.

Admission: \$2 general; \$1 seniors; 50 cents for children age 17 and under; free on Thursdays. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Kroeber Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. Call 510-643-7648.

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### Habitat Children's Museum

A museum especially for children age 7 and younger. Highlights include WaterWorks, an area with some unusual water toys, an Infant Tree for babies, a garden especially for toddlers, a child-scale grocery store and cafe, and a costume shop and stage for junior thespians. The museum also features a toy-lending library.

"Back to the Farm" is an interactive exhibit that gives children the chance to wiggle through tunnels like an earthworm, look into a mirrored fish pond, don farm animal costumes, ride on a John Deere tractor and much more.

Admission: \$4 adults; \$6 child age 7 and under; \$3 for each additional child.

Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Museum is at Kittredge Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. Call 510-7-1111.

### Judah L. Magnes Museum

■ "Still Here: The Jews of the Pale of Settlement," an exhibit of photographs by Peggy Myers illustrating the resurgence of Jewish identity in the western regions of Russia known as the Pale of Settlement, runs through Oct. 31.

■ "Winning Photos: First Annual Richard Nagler Photography Competition of the Judah Magnes Museum," runs through Oct. 31. This juried exhibit features images by 15 photographers.

■ "Roots and Memory: A Portrait of the Last Moroccan Jews of the Atlas and Sahara," runs through Oct. 31. This exhibit presents a rare portrait of the little-known rural Jewish communities of the Atlas mountains and Saharan oases.

■ "Exploring the Elements of Art: A Hands-On Learning Exhibit on a Moroccan Theme," runs through Oct. 31.

Admission is free. Hours are Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Museum is at 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Call 510-549-6950.

### The Oakland Museum of California

■ "Amazing Bikes: 2 Centuries On 2 Wheels," through Jan. 30. A comprehensive look at the evolution and history of the bicycle, from the early bicycles of the 1800s to today's technically sophisticated models. Included are 60 bicycles ranging from the early velocipedes to present-day experimental pedal-powered machines, as well as posters, prints, and other bicycle memorabilia.

■ "California Underground: Our Caves and Subterranean Habitats," through May 28, looks at California's system of natural caves and tunnels. Exhibit features displays on caving techniques and equipment, creatures who make their homes underground, cave mapping and photography techniques. The exhibit also offers a junior speleologists section with interactive exhibits and physical experiences such as a crawl through a simulated cave. Adults may also experience the squeeze of a small space, take part in a mapping activity, and compare their senses to those of a bat.

■ "Dog Haus: Architecture Unleashed," runs through Oct. 17. An exhibit of 24 doghouses chosen by a jury of architects, designers and animal experts. On the exhibit's closing day, the doghouses will be auctioned.

tioned, with the profits benefiting the Oakland SPCA and the museum.

■ "Oakland Art, Architecture and History by Bike," Sept. 19, 10 a.m. is a 5 1/2-mile bike tour focusing on Oakland's history and architecture. Registration required. Admission: \$2. Call 510-238-3514.

■ Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration, is Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. A day of fun, food, dance, and music to celebrate the museum's 30th anniversary. The day includes a bicycle race and parade and hands-on activities. Free.

■ "All About Bats!" is Sept. 26, 1 p.m. Learn about bats and meet some live ones up close. Free with admission.

■ Docent gallery tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Admission: \$6 general; \$4 seniors and students; free for children age 5 and under; second Sundays are free to all.

Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Located at 1000 Oak St., Oakland. Call 510-238-2200, or (888) OAK-

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### Lawrence Hall of Science

■ "ChemMystery," ongoing. Survey a crime scene using scientific tests, such as fingerprinting and handwriting analysis, and figure out whodunit. There are separate scenarios for different age levels.

■ "Surf City," ongoing. Learn about the World Wide Web and how to surf it.

■ "Math Around the World," ongoing. Learn about math from a multicultural perspective through games and displays.

■ "Math Rules!" ongoing exhibit. A math exhibit of hands-on problem-solving stations, each with a different mathematical challenge.

■ "DNA Model," ongoing installation. This 60-foot-long model of a deoxyribonucleic acid molecule is designed to kinetically teach the physical structure and chemical makeup of the small part of a gene that makes alpha-amylase, the protein in saliva that changes starch into sugar. It is designed for children to play on. At the Hall of Science Plaza.

■ "The Fallen Giant," ongoing in-

stallation. This 14-ton redwood tree sculpture, the creation of artist J.B. Blunk, is intended for touching, exploring and climbing.

■ "Within the Human Brain," ongoing installation. Visitors test their cranial nerves, play skeeball, master mazes, match musical tones and construct stories inside a simulated "rat cage" of learning experiments.

■ "Laser: The Light Fantastic," ongoing exhibit. Make a laser light show, work a supermarket-style laser, examine holograms and stop a laser beam bare-handed.

■ "1492: Two Worlds of Science," ongoing exhibit. Explore European and Native American science and technology at the time of Columbus' voyage through activities with number systems, navigation tools, map making, computer games and a replica of the rocking deck of the Nina.

■ Family workshops: Registration is required and each child must be accompanied by an adult. Call for a complete schedule.

Admission: \$15 one adult/child

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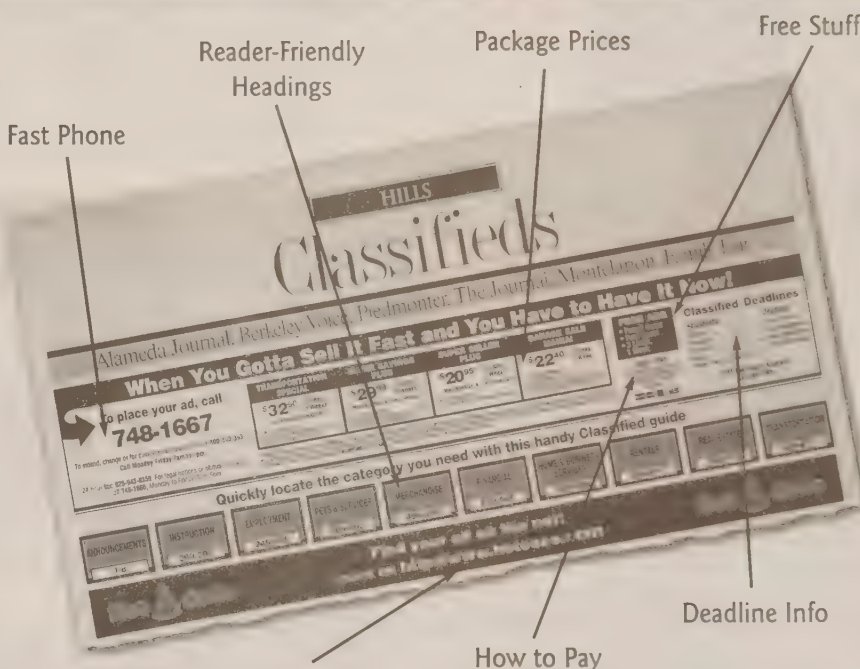
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pair; \$5 for each additional person, includes Hall of Science admission. Call 510-642-5134.

Ongoing programs are free with museum admission.

Macintosh Computer Lab, ongoing. A chance for children to explore age-appropriate software and the Internet. For children age 5 and up accompanied by an adult. Saturday and Sunday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Biology Discovery Lab, ongoing. In the renovated Biology Lab visitors may hold and observe gentle animals. Saturday-Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m.

Lawrence Hall of Science is at UC-Berkeley, Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Call 510-642-5132.

## Pacific Film Archive

"Max Ophuls: Moving Pictures," runs Sept. 17-Oct. 10, is a series of films by director Max Ophuls. Titles

include: "La Plaisir," "Letter from an Unknown Woman," "The Tender Enemy" and "Happy Heirs." Call for schedule. "Some of These Stories Are True," through Oct. 20. A series of five documentaries that aren't quite what they seem. Titles include: "Who's the Caboose?," "Ruins," "Suture: or Clark and Julia J. Clarendon and the Next Best Thing to Being on the Dark Continent itself," "The Machine that Killed Bad People" and "Forgotten Silver" with "History of Glamour."

PFA Theater is at 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Call 510-642-5249.

## Fine Arts Cinema

"Cine Accion Festival: Cine Latino" runs through Sept. 26. A celebration of Latin cinema with United States and Latin American films, documentaries and shorts. The festival offers panel discussions and appearances by local celebrities and filmmakers. Runs Sept. 24-26 at Fine Arts Cinema, 2451 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 415-553-8140.

# Brubeck

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II in General Patton's Army, and studied with classical composer Darius Milhaud at Mills College in Oakland after the war.

The Dave Brubeck Quartet, whose classic tunes include "Take Five," "In Your Own Sweet Way" and "The Duke," traveled around the world until breaking up in 1967.

Brubeck's three sons, including Darius (keyboards) played with him in the 1970s. But now Chris and Dan, who have been performing throughout the East Bay, are taking the famous name into the next millennium. Chris plays four instruments, in-

cluding the piano. He is also an accomplished composer, arranger and lyricist, and tours with the jazz-folk band Crofut & Brubeck. Dan, who has toured the international music circuit for two decades, leads his own jazz combo, the Dolphins.

Taylor Eigsti, a gifted 15-year-old pianist, will join the brothers for Sunday's gig at Holy Names College. He is joined by Mike DeMicco (guitar) and Paul Brannin (saxophone).

The show is being held at Holy Name's Valley Center for Performing Arts Regents Theater, 3500 Mountain Blvd. in Oakland. Tickets \$30 for adults, and \$15 for children under 14 accompanied by an adult.

The proceeds from the performance will benefit Oakland's Archway School.

## Saturday Night Outdoor Cinema Festival

Fest runs through Sept. 25. Once a week a film will be shown outside in the Pyramid Brewery's parking lot. Audiences should bring something to sit on, and are encouraged to come in costume. Proceeds benefit local nonprofit organizations. Sept. 18, "The Full Monty"; Sept. 25, "Austin Powers."

Admission: \$5. Films begin at dusk at Pyramid Brewery, Ninth and Gilman Streets, Berkeley. Call 510-527-9090.

## The 28th annual Fall Boat Show

Runs through Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The show features water power and sail boats on display and for sale, plus tents of marine products and services.

Admission: \$8.50 general; \$3.50 children age 6-12; free children under age 6. Show is at Jack London Square, Alice Street and the Embarcadero, Oakland. Call 1-800-698-5777.

## Hall of Health

A hands-on community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center.

"This is Your Heart!" is an ongoing interactive exhibit on heart health.

"Good Nutrition," is an ongoing exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an exercise for calculating how calories are burned.

"Draw Your Own Insides," is an ongoing exhibit of human-shaped chalkboards and models with removable organs allow visitors to explore the inside of their bodies.

"Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," is an exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer.

"Kids on the Block Puppet Shows," is an ongoing educational puppet show for children of all ages performed by The Kids on the Block. The shows include characters with mental and physical differences and promote acceptance and understanding of those differences.

Shows are the third Saturday of the month, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.; Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The hall is at 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-549-1564.

## La Pena

Every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. there is a program of stories and songs for children.

Admission: \$3 general; \$2 children.

La Pena is at 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-849-2572.

## Oakland Zoo

African Savanna exhibit consists of two mixed-animal aviaries and 11 African Savanna exhibits. See the meerkat family, hyenas, green monkeys and even a savanna monitor. Visit the Mahali Pa Tembo (Place of the Elephant) to see the zoo's herd of elephants. Also see African lions, giraffes, chimpanzees and the more than 330 other animals from around

the world who live in this Oakland hills park. The zoo includes a Children's Petting Zoo, the Skyride, a miniature train, a carousel, picnic grounds and a gift shop.

"Simba Pori," Swahili for "Lion Country," is a spacious 1.5-acre habitat offering a savanna and woodland setting for two adult African lions and four young lions.

"Sun Bear Exhibit" is a state-of-the-art space developed for the zoo's two sun bears.

The Siamang Island exhibit is a state-of-the-art, barrier-free exhibit that emulates the gibbons' native tropical rain forest habitat.

Admission: \$6.50 general; \$3.50 seniors and children ages 2-14; free for children under age 2; \$3 parking fee.

Zoo is open daily, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road exit off Interstate 580, Oakland. Call 510-632-9525.

## Tilden Regional Park

"Wildcat Creek," Sept. 19, 10 a.m. See the secrets of Wildcat Creek in a watershed exhibit, then explore the real thing.

"Fun, Farm Fables," Sept. 19, 1:30 p.m. Have a fun afternoon grinding corn, visiting farm animals, and making farm crafts.

"Tilden Mini-Rangers," Sept. 21, 3:15 p.m. A nature program for children age 9-12. Registration required.

"Leaf Printing," Sept. 25, 2:30 p.m. Make a Japanese leaf print on

a plain T-shirt or piece of fabric.

"The Real Phantom," Sept. 26, 2 p.m. See the world of the phantom.

There are guided tours of the gardens. Call ahead to confirm tour is on. Tours run most Saturdays, 2 p.m. Free. Call 510-843-2233.

Park is free unless otherwise. Take Canon Drive, Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. 525-2233.

## Yoshi's

Giovanni Hidalgo, \$18 general; \$10 adults by child; \$5 children; Sept. 26, 2 p.m. and general; \$10 adult accompanied by \$5 children.

Yoshi's is at 510 E. West, Oakland. Call (510) 762-BASS.

## UC Berkeley Botanical Garden

Ongoing. The garden plays of exotic and native plants. Tours of Botanical Garden and Sunday, at 10 a.m. at the Tour Orientation free docent tour. Admission: \$2 seniors; \$1 children. Thursday. Hours (through Day): 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Garden is on Centennial Memorial Stadium, a mile Lawrence Hall of Science. Call 510-643-2755.

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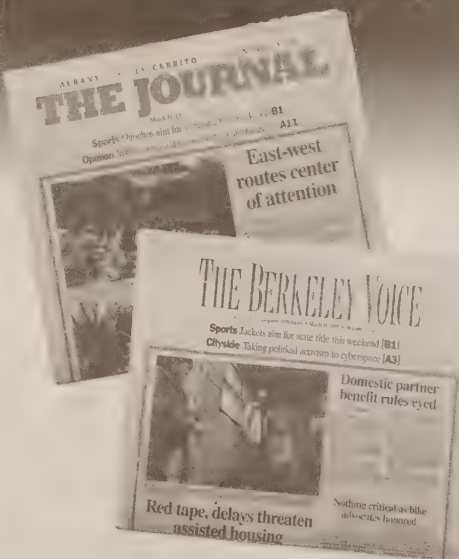
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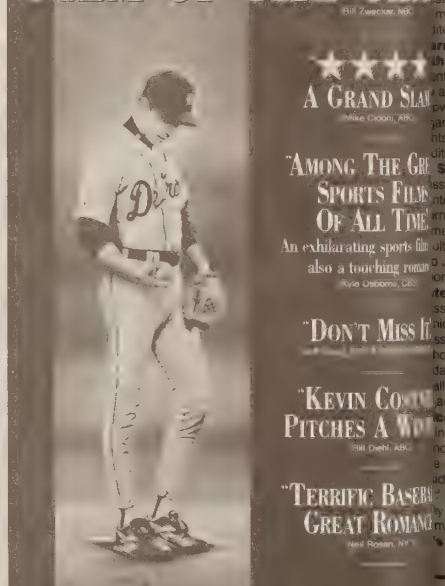
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Mintz through Oct. 23. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed most Fridays. For additional information call 843-5511.

**The WCR Gallery**, 3023 Shattuck Ave., exhibits the artistry of Mickey Spencer, an artist in her seventies who invented "paper painting." The show runs through Sept. 30. Regular gallery hours are Tuesday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. and by appointment. For additional information call 548-9272.

**ACCI Gallery**, 1652 Shattuck Ave., presents New Work: The 3P's Painting-Paper-Pottery to Oct. 2. Call 843-2527 for additional information.

**The Berkeley Potters Guild** holds its Twenty-eighth annual winter holiday sale during the weekends of Nov. 27-28 and Dec. 4-5 and during the entire week of Dec. 11-23. Nineteen Guild members will display current works throughout their complex of open studios. The Guild is located at 731 Jones St. at 4th St., just off the Gilman St. exit of I-80. Call 524-7031 or visit the web site at BerkeleyPotters.com.

**University Lutheran Chapel**, 2425 College Avenue, hosts an exhibition of paintings by the artist Jeffrey Sully, through Oct. 23. Hours are Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 843-6230.

**UC-Berkeley Art Museum** and Pacific Film Archive presents the latest exhibition in the Matrix Program for Contemporary Art "Tobias Rehberger/Matrix/180 Sunny-side up,

through Nov. 14. Rehberger is a conceptual artist from Germany. The exhibit will be his first one-person museum exhibition in North America. Call 642-2250 for additional information.

**The Claremont Gallery**, 2907 Claremont Ave., presents "Southwest Passages" through Oct. 31. Call 848-9300 for additional information.

**Alta Bates Medical Center** presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

**Roots and Memory: A Portrait of the Last Moroccan Jews of the Atlas and Sahara** continues through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information call 549-6950.

**"Still Here: The Jews of the Pale of Settlement,"** — A photographic exhibition by Peggy Myers is on view through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information call 620-6772.

**New Pieces Gallery** presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

## Literary Events

**Word of Mouth**, a poetry collective devoted to promoting Bay Area poets features Richmond high school teacher

John Isles, and D.A. Powell, author of Tea, and the recipient of a 1997 Paul Engle Fellowship on Sunday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. The readings take place at Barnes and Nobles, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Both poets are graduates of the Iowa Writer's Workshop. All events are free. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

**"Daily Word"** readers: Study Unity principles at Temescal Library, 5205 Telegraph, Wednesdays noon to 1 p.m. Contact Anne Allen, 843-5611.

**"Strong Women: Writers and Heroes of American Literature"**: 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. every Thursday; free course in the Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program; Helen Rippler Wheeler, instructor; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way; 549-2970 after 9 a.m.

## Meetings

**A Town Hall Meeting** on Y2K and Emergency Preparedness takes place on Monday, Sept. 27 at the Alta Bates Hospital Main Auditorium, 2450 Ashby Ave. Everyone welcome. The meeting is sponsored by Bateman St. Neighborhood Association, the Berkeley Y2K Resilience Network and the City of Berkeley. Call 644-BYRN for more information.

**The National Association of Retired Federal Employees**, Chapter 1282, meet Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave., Albany.

**American Schizophrenia Association**—Alliance for the Mentally Ill (ASA-AMI) bi-monthly meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte at Scenic Ave. The topic is "Planning for

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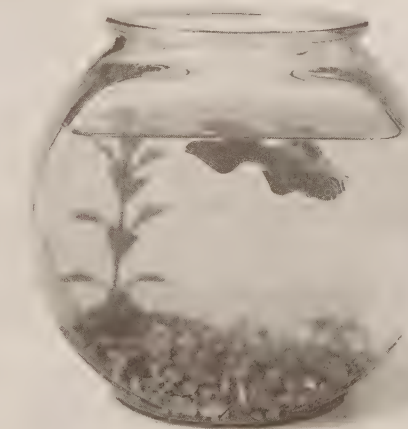
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**Yiddish:** Yiddish conversation  
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**Arkeley Communicators**  
**Arkeley Club** meet on the first  
and second Wednesday of the month  
from 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City  
2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

**Arkeley Arthritis Support** and  
mon. group meets on the second  
day of each month (except Decem-  
ber) from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at  
Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. No  
advance reservations required. Drop  
in anytime. Friends and family are  
welcome to attend. For directions or  
more information, call 204-4503.

**Students on Campus** meet the  
fourth Wednesday of the month  
from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the  
Language Program Building,  
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**Speaking skills** and meta-  
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**Higher Alignment:** 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
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**Alta Bates Support Groups** - Arthri-  
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**Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12 step  
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**TOPS** 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take  
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**Avatar Metaphysical Toastmas-  
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**Toastmasters:** noon - 1 p.m. Tues-  
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**Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center**  
and East Bay Neurology sponsors a  
free monthly stroke support group. No  
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drop-in anytime. The group meets the  
first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m.  
to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on  
Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way  
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**Strong Women-Writers** and Heroes  
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North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901  
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## Music

**Berkeley Chamber Performances**  
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**The San Francisco Early Music**  
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**Berkeley Arthritis Support** and Ed-  
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## Lecture/Workshop

**Greenpeace cofounder Patrick**  
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ronmental advocacy in a free lecture at  
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his business is conducted  
at 24 Blake Ave.  
Contra Costa 94704  
his business is conducted  
at a general office  
of M. Streichsaber  
This statement was filed  
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Costa on date indicated  
file stamp above  
Expire on August 9, 1999  
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August 12, 1999  
STEPHEN J. COLE  
COUNTY CLERK  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
OFFICE  
FILE NO. 99-5439  
PICKETT/COLE 888-99-5439

NAME STATEMENT  
The name of the business is  
S. Suzanne Marie Calame, Inc., located at 2123  
Pineapple Drive, Bay Point, Contra Costa County  
California 94820, operated by the following owners:

Eric Nicolas  
23 Mendocino Drive  
Contra Costa 94501  
his business is conducted  
at 2123 Pineapple Drive  
Eric Nicolas  
The statement was filed  
in the County of Contra  
Costa on date indicated  
file stamp above  
Business commenced on  
August 12, 1999  
Expire on August 9, 1999  
Original The Journal #0070  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LIEN SALE**  
1987 FORD MUSTANG  
VIN 1F8A16T47H24001  
Date 9:00 a.m.  
1987 FORD MUSTANG  
VIN 1F8A16T47H24001  
3131 San Pablo Dam Rd  
Contra Costa 94803  
The Journal 0068  
Filed September 23, 1999

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF  
PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF:  
JEANNE MARIE  
CALAME  
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JEANNE MARIE  
SUZANNE  
CALAME  
aka  
JEANNE MARIE  
SUZANNE  
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all heirs, beneficiaries,  
creditors, and persons who  
may be interested in the  
estate of JEANNE MARIE  
SUZANNE CALAME, aka  
JEANNE MARIE SUZANNE  
CALAME, aka JEANNE  
MARIE SUZANNE BURELOT.

**PETITION FOR PROBATE**  
The PETITIONER requests  
the Court to admit and con-  
firm JEANNE MARIE and  
JEANNE-BERGER as the  
administrators of the estate  
of the decedent.

The PETITIONER requests  
the Court to will and con-  
firm, if any, be admitted to  
probate the will and any  
agreements made for ex-  
amination in the file kept  
by the probate court.

The PETITIONER requests  
authority to administer the  
estate under the independent  
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personal representative to  
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the probate court and shows good  
cause why the court should  
grant the request.

**HEARING ON the petition**  
will be held on October 12,  
1999 at 10:00 a.m. in Dept.  
100, Superior Court, San  
Francisco, CA 94612

**YOU OBJECT to the grant-**  
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state your objections with the  
court before the hearing.  
If you are not the person or  
your attorney

**IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a**  
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The court will appoint a per-  
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County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By B. BASCH, Deputy  
FILE NO. 99-0509

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
I, the undersigned, being the  
ADVANTAGE FITNESS is located  
at 14555 Alameda, Suite 100, in  
Oakland, CA 94609 is hereby  
registered by the following  
owner(s):

Eric C. Thompson  
183 McCauley St.  
Oakland, CA 94607

This business is conducted  
by the individual  
/s/ Eric C. Thompson  
of the County of Contra  
Costa, Costa on date indicated  
by the following:  
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STEPHEN L. WEIR  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By L. Derricks  
FILE NO. 99-0510

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
I, the undersigned, being the  
EPIIC COACHING, located at  
3005 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito,  
California 94530 is hereby  
registered by the following owner  
/s/ Valerie Eric Craone

Valerie Eric Craone  
3005 Potrero Ave.  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

This business is conducted  
by an individual  
/s/ Valerie Eric Nicolas  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Contra  
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by the following:  
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August 9, 1999  
STEPHEN L. WEIR  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By J. Villane  
FILE NO. 99-0540

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
I, the undersigned, being the  
Harvinder Singh  
2813 Mariposa Ave.  
Richmond, CA  
This business is conducted  
by an individual  
/s/ Harvinder Singh  
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with the County Clerk of Contra  
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County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By J. Villane  
FILE NO. 99-0548

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business is  
MIDTOWN SUPPORT, located  
at 10000 San Ramon, Suite 100,  
in San Ramon, CA 94583  
is hereby registered by the  
following owner(s)  
/s/ Nancy J. Bedeger

Nancy J. Bedeger  
430 Canyon Woods Pl. #D  
San Ramon, CA 94583  
Sandra K. Weston  
3380 Colwood Lane  
San Ramon, CA 94549  
The business is conducted  
by the following:  
/s/ Nancy Bedeger  
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with the County Clerk of Contra  
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County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By J. Villane  
FILE NO. 99-0549

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
I, the undersigned, being the  
Linda M. Bickel  
10000 San Ramon, Suite 100,  
in San Ramon, CA 94583  
is hereby registered by the  
following owner(s)  
/s/ Linda M. Bickel  
This statement was filed  
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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By J. Villane  
FILE NO. 99-0547

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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I, the undersigned, being the  
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/s/ Linda M. Bickel  
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FILE NO. 99-0546

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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/s/ Linda M. Bickel  
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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
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FILE NO. 99-0545

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By J. Villane  
FILE NO. 99-0544

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
I, the undersigned, being the  
Linda M. Bickel  
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in San Ramon, CA 94583  
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/s/ Linda M. Bickel  
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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By J. Villane  
FILE NO. 99-0543

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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FILE NO. 99-0542

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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I, the undersigned, being the  
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in San Ramon, CA 94583  
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/s/ Linda M. Bickel  
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County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By J. Villane  
FILE NO. 99-0541

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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I, the undersigned, being the  
Linda M. Bickel  
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in San Ramon, CA 94583  
is hereby registered by the  
following owner(s)  
/s/ Linda M. Bickel  
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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By J. Villane  
FILE NO. 99-0540

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**THE PETITION** requests the court WILL and consider the petition, and grant the will and any other innovation in the file kept by the court.

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**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on October 12, 1987 at 10:00 AM in Court Room 16 located at 1225 Salfon St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

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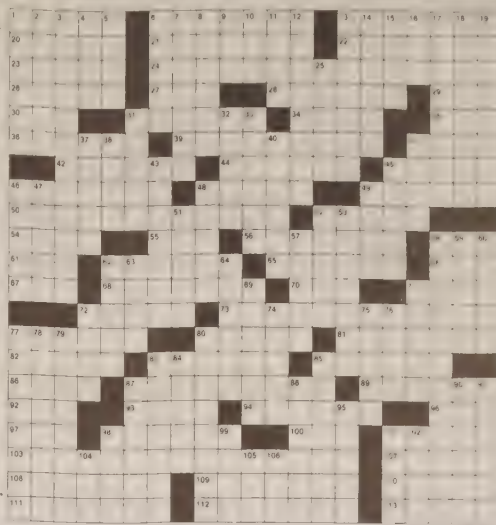


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ther information contact Fran Harris at 233-2645

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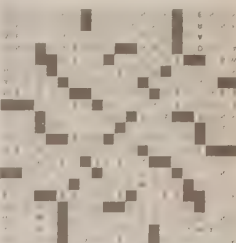
**Trinity United Methodist Church of Berkeley,** 2362 Bancroft, presents Dr. Huston Smith, theologian, teacher and humanist speaking on "Spirituality in the New Millennium" on Tuesday, Sept. 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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## Chamber to co-sponsor 'Candidates Night'

The Chamber, the city and the Women's Club of El Cerrito will join forces to sponsor a "Meet Your City Council Candidates Night" on Monday, October 25.

Open to the public, this session will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the council chambers located in the Garden Room of the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

All four candidates for the two seats open in the November council election will be given the opportunity to state their position on local civic issues, and the audience will be able to submit questions to the them in writing.

Serving as moderator and time-keeper for this "Meet Your Candidates" event will be representatives of the local League of Women Voters chapter.

### Luncheon deadline tomorrow

Members of the El Cerrito Chamber have until the close of business on Friday, Sept. 23, to make reservations for the organization's first business luncheon of the fall season.

Open to all members and their guests, this event will be held at noon Monday, Sept. 27, in the private dining room at Little Ange's Restaurant and Tavern at 6115 Potrero Ave.

Highlighting the luncheon will be a ceremony honoring a member of the chamber who has contributed substantially to the work of the organization without regard for praise or recognition.

The name of the person to be so honored is being kept secret by President Bill Kerber, who prefers to make the announcement a luncheon surprise.

Scheduled to be guest speaker at the session is Mark Moniz, head of a company called Chambercoupon.com, who will explain details of a program to provide businesses belonging to the chamber with online coupons on the Internet at no cost.

Reservations and menu selection may be made by calling the chamber office at 233-7040.

### Fiesta sign up nears end

As the deadline to apply for exhibit space at the fourth annual Chamber of Commerce October Fiesta draws near, another local firm has joined the list of the event's financial backers.

Latest to support the fiesta is the El Cerrito Plaza Company. It joins Tradeway Stores, Sunset View Cemetery Association, Honda of El Cerrito, Seidell Enterprises, Windrush School and Olivero Plumbing as backers of the event.

Meanwhile, fiesta Chairperson Janet Jolley warned all local businesses, crafts people and civic organizations that the deadline for reserving exhibit space is fast approaching, and urged those interested to contact the chamber office at 233-7040 to obtain reservation forms.

This year's fiesta will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the mall area of El Cerrito Plaza and once again will be open to the public free of charge. Co-sponsoring the October Fiesta with the Chamber of Commerce are Contra Costa Newspapers (West County Times/Journal), Lucky Stores, PetVet/Petfood, Mail Boxes Etc. and the East Bay Sanitary Company.

### A power-packed business

Those who delight in operating a Honda automobile will probably really enjoy "driving" a Honda Harmony FG 500, FR 800, HRC 215 and 216, a Harmony HRB 215 and HRS 216, or a Honda Masters 5.0 HR 215.

These particular Hondas don't come from an automobile showroom. They're to be found here at Single Cylinder Repair, one of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's newer members—since they're not cars—but gasoline powered lawn mowers.

Owned and operated by Trung Pham, Single Cylinder is located at 10368 San Pablo Ave. and features a complete selection of power tools for everyone from home gardeners to professional landscapers.

Among the many items to be found at the store which opened here last March are such things as rototillers, blowers, trimmers, chain saws, hedge clippers, pruning shears and saws, mowers and generators from manufacturers such as Honda, Sandvik, Kubota, Shindaiwa, Tri-Cut, Echo and Husqvarna. In addition to offering a large selection of mechanical and gardening accessories, Single Cylinder features a complete repair and sharpening service.

Pham's association with small engines begin years ago in his native Vietnam, where he operated his own motorcycle shop. Coming to the United States in 1992, he went into the landscape business. From there, he explains, it was just a short step to getting back to repairing engines again.

However, Pham reports, going into business in El Cerrito was far from easy for him.

"At first, he explains, "the large amount of paperwork and complicated finances bothered me, but, now that I understand things better, I'm really enjoying being in business

### El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glinernick

here."

With Single Cylinder now attracting more and more attention from home gardeners and landscapers, Pham admits that nothing makes him happier than "the many customers here who so freely express their appreciation for my help."

Single Cylinder Repair is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.



WELCOMING TRUNG PHAM (center), owner of Single Cylinder Repair, to the El Cerrito business scene, Mayor Gina Brusatori and President Bill Kerber present Pham with his Chamber of Commerce membership plaque.

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## Xterra grabs middele of SUV market

### ROAD TEST

By Matt Nauman

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

If only they'd throw away the floor mats, the Nissan Xterra I drove would make my case perfectly. As is, the \$20,097 Xterra I drove — with its \$79 floor mats — makes a pretty strong argument.

Here, after years of watching the industry introduce premium-priced sport-utilities (\$35,000 and up) and cute, tiny ones with not much more room than the small sedans they're drawing buyers out of, Nissan has returned to the original premise.

Simply put, that a well-made, practically sized sport-utility need not be a bank-breaker, too. Indeed, they don't have to cost more than \$20,000 — unless you want floor mats.

In search of profits and buyers, and they've certainly found plenty of both, automakers have left this under-\$22,000, four-door, midsize SUV segment to a few players such as the Jeep Cherokee and Isuzu Rodeo. Sure, you can find a bare-bones Ford Explorer, Mitsubishi Montero Sport or Chevy Blazer down here in real-folks country, but you have to do some serious hunting.

That's why I like the Xterra. It embraces this part of the market, providing

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THE XTERRA proves you can get a well-made, practically sized sport-utility for \$20,000 or less.

### Auto Plus



By Mary Jo Farrell

This year isn't over yet — get involved!

### October activities in overdrive

The last column of the month is always our "whaddya wanna do next weekend" routine, and our file shows lots of fun stuff in store for the next few weeks all over Northern California.

September 24-26

If you're an RV fan, check out the new crop at the Annual Fall RV Show Sept. 23-26 at Cal-Expo, the state fairgrounds in Sacramento. More than 600 new and slightly used coaches will appear, along with manufacturers' demonstrations, seminars, and accessory booths. Admission to the show is \$6 plus a parking fee. Call 800-782-7469 or look up [www.rvshow.com](http://www.rvshow.com).

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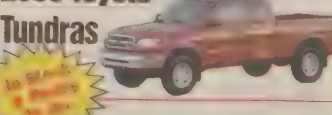
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# Subaru unveils adventuresome Outback

It has been said, "You can't be all things to all people all the time." Unless you're Subaru.

The all-new 2000 Outback has the roadability of a sport utility vehicle, the utility of a wagon, and the comfort of a sedan. And of course, the Outback is all-wheel drive all the time.

What I've always liked about the Outback is its distinctive styling. This wagon has always been easily recognizable. On the outside, the Outback has most of the visual cues of the previous models, with a few exceptions. Under its skin, the Subaru has undergone significant retooling.

The exterior styling team for the 2000 wagon adopted the design philosophy that "form follows function." The first thing they did was get rid of the fake hood scoops. These forms had no function, so they got the pink slip, and they're gone. I'm going to miss those phony air dams. Even if they were just window dressing, they performed an important

## Keane on Wheels

By Connie Keane

function for me. They made me feel like a rugged outback driver.

I took my test-drive model, the Outback Limited, over to my mother's house where she owns a previous-generation Limited for a side-by-side comparison. I have to admit both models are beauties. Mom's 1997 Outback Limited has the adventuresome looking air scoops, while the all-new 2000 tester has gained a new stately elegance.

Subaru increased its overall length by nearly 3 inches to 187.4 inches, stretched out the wheelbase by 0.8-inch, and raised the roof. The function of this new form is more passenger room. During my walk-around, I noticed other functional improvements on the 2000 Outback, such as the large foglights with stone guards to protect the glass from chipping. The headlights have

a new form. Their function is to put out twice the lighting of the earlier Outback. They are larger and set in a four-lamp cluster.

Two other design changes take on the function of improved visibility and active safety. The front and rear wipers are larger for a wider sweep, and the glass area of the back window is more spacious in order to see a 39-inch tall child who might be standing behind the vehicle.

Two features I liked in my \$26,895 tester were dual moonroofs and a standard in-dash six-CD player. The moonroofs were located above the front and second row seats.

Under the hood, Subaru engineers put in a new air intake system to improve the torque in the 2.5-liter boxer engine, so drivers should notice better response when they hit the gas pedal. Lots of changes are made in the upshift and downshift computer technology of the four-speed electronic automatic trans-

mission. The five-speed manual transmission has more precise movement.

At the heart of Subaru is its all-wheel drive technology. Executives say their AWD unit is about the size of a grapefruit, while other manufacturer systems are larger, creating friction. Subaru points out that its all-wheel drive system weighs 150 pounds, while its closest competitor weighs 220 pounds. The small AWD system and vehicle's low center of gravity give the Outback balance and symmetry.

Subaru acknowledges that AWD systems can be noisy. One executive told me it's tough to reduce noise, vibration and harshness, but their basic AWD component is small. The 2000 Outback is dramatically quieter. Engineers worked on getting rid of the rumble, whether it's heard or felt.

The Outback Limited is classy and rugged at the same time. It's the closest thing to being all things to all people all (wheel drive) time.

## Farrell

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Saturday and Sunday, 9/25-26, you and your 4-wheel-drive can go to school. Northern California 4X4 Driving Schools has classes at Prairie State Vehicular Recreation Area near Rancho Cordova, about 20 miles east of Sacramento. Students may pick either date. Class begins at 8 a.m. with two hours of classroom instruction and a slide show, followed by four hours of hands-on beginner-to-expert dirt roads. Cost is \$40 per student. Call the California Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs at 800-4X4-FUNN.

Saturday, 9/25, the Towe Auto Museum hosts its third annual Collector Car Auction conducted by Kruse International from 10 a.m. "until whenever," according to museum spokeswoman Gale Pearson, at 2200 Front St. in Sacramento. Here's a collector's chance to either buy or sell a car. Sale preview runs from 9 to 6 on Friday. Call 916-442-6802 with questions.

Saturday 9/25 the Capitol Chapter Buick Club will participate in Cops and Rodders, a show and shine to raise funds for the California Highway Patrol Visitor Center and Museum. The event includes food, mu-

sic, prizes and raffles from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the CHP Academy, 3500 Reed Ave., West Sacramento. Call the Buick Club for more information: 916-489-6631.

### October 2-3

Pinole Valley High School, 2900 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole, hosts its 5th Annual Car Show October 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the football field. Spectator admission is free, and \$15 car registration fees benefit the school's clubs, activities and scholarships. All years of American and import cars and trucks are welcome. Breakfast will be served from 9 to 11, followed by a barbecue lunch. Sign up for prizes, raffles, and enter to win a new Chevy 350 engine. Call 510-799-1616 to enter.

Goodguys Fuel and Gas Championship Drags for 1972 and older cars will run Oct. 2-3 at Sears Point Raceway, Sonoma. Gates are open from 8 to 5, with qualifying Saturday at 11 and 3. Finals are Sunday at noon. Tickets are \$20 per day at the gate only. Juniors (7-12) cost \$5. A giant hot rod and custom car show is included, featuring more than 500 pre-'72 cars. Call Goodguys at 925-838-9876.

Be an auto docent. Join the fall class at the Blackhawk Automotive Museum east of Danville. Classes meet bi-monthly from October to

January. Learn to give tours of the museum's extensive collection of classic and vintage autos, as well as assist with events on the road. Call 925-736-2277, ext. 238 for details.

### October 7-10

Miata owners and fanciers convene in San Diego Oct. 7-10 for Surf 'N' Safari '99, a four-day Miata-fest including driving tours, beach luau, poker rally, sightseeing in the wild animal park, and many other activities. Cost is \$99 person, not including lodging. It's hosted by the San Diego Miata Club, 760-735-9456 or www.sandiegomiataclub.org.

The 6th Annual Park Street Business Association Classic Car Show and new car expo happens Saturday Oct. 9 from 10 to 4. Five blocks of Park Street are blocked off and filled with old and new cars. Music, prizes, and numerous outlets for food and drink make for a fun time. Call the Park Street Business Association for details: 510-523-1392.

P-Town Street Rods will cruise over and have dinner at Rod's Hickory Pit in Livermore from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 12. It's at 1116 E. Stanley Blvd., across from Valley Memorial Hospital. Call George Withers: 925-846-5550.

### Oct. 15-17

Bear Valley Lodge presents Cruisin' to the Colors all weekend

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DeAnza High School holds its Craft Fair Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Car Show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day includes early holiday shopping, refreshments, bake sale and entertainment. Sponsored by the PTSA, proceeds benefit the high school. They're at 5000 Valley View Road in Richmond. Call either 510-223-1647 or 510-222-3484.

The final swap meet of the year happens Sunday 10/17 at the Towe Museum in Sacramento. Twice a year they set up stalls under the Capitol Freeway, between 20th and 23rd streets, and sell pieces, parts and whole cars. Free to the public, the meet runs from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. Food and drink will be sold starting at 5 a.m. Early setup is allowed Saturday night between 2 and 6 p.m., but no overnight security is provided. Call 916-442-6802 for information on stall rental.

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FORD EMPLOYEE Matel Dawson put his money where his

## Plant worker donates \$1 million for youth

By Khaalid Walls

AFRICAN AMERICANS ON WHEELS

Matel Dawson, a humble forklift operator at Ford Motor Co.'s Dearborn, Mich. assembly plant for 59 years, is an inspiration. Since 1994, the 78-year-old Dawson has donated more than \$1 million to colleges, churches, charities, the NAACP and the United Negro College Fund simply because he wants to help others get the right start in life.

"Education is number one on my list," says Dawson, who credits his grandparents for instilling in him a strong belief in the importance of knowledge.

"We must train our youth for the future."

Through his generosity, Dawson has established scholarship funds in his name and his grandparents'

names at Louisiana State.

Next year, he plans to establish a fund in his parents' name.

The Louisiana native wants to leave a legacy, "I'm glad to say good things about I'm gone."

While many of his pastimes are enjoying retirement by staying in the South, Dawson spends time working overtime where he has worked since.

Even though he makes \$23.47 an hour, earning \$100,000 in 1998) and retired comfortably years ago, he chooses to live in a one-bedroom and drive a 1985 Ford.

Why? Dawson said he can help as many young people as possible.

"If I did anything else, money I'd be throwing it away."

## Xterra

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some much needed competition and forcing other automakers to look twice at their prices.

The Xterra starts at around \$17,800 with destination charge and tops out at \$26,000. A two-wheel-drive V-6 model, like the one we drove, costs about \$20,000. Add about another \$1,500 for four-wheel drive. The four-cylinder model, obviously, is cheaper.

The bonus here is that the Xterra looks good, especially with the distinctive roof rack that comes standard on the SE version and as part of a \$999 option package on XE models.

Some have carped that the Xterra's side rails and other features make it less off-road capable than a Cherokee. Nissan doesn't dispute that. However, few owners, even those with four-wheel-drive systems, take vehicles very far off road.

Both Motor Trend and Car and Driver endorsed the Xterra over the Cherokee in recent comparison tests. Car and Driver praised it as "one of Nissan's best vehicle concepts in a long time" and Motor Trend said it is "a more modern, more refined, and

more usable version of the similarly priced Cherokee."

I couldn't agree more. Even with a minor freshening in 1997, the Cherokee feels dated and out of the step with the current thinking about sport-utilities. The Xterra more easily mixes rugged design cues with contemporary touches.

The Xterra is based on the Nissan Frontier four-wheel-drive pickup chassis. That hardy platform and its body-on-frame structure assures a solid but unsophisticated ride.

Engine choices are a 170-horsepower 3.3-liter V-6 or a 143-horsepower 2.4-liter four-cylinder. A five-speed manual is offered on some models. The five-speed/V-6 model I drove offers the best combination of performance and driving pleasure.

On the outside, the Xterra manages to achieve distinction in a segment that's known for conventionality with its roof rack, high rear door handles and a cargo door that comes embossed on the outside with the shape of the first-aid kit on the inside.

On the inside, there's good room for four adults and gauges that differ little from the Frontier pickup.

Among the interesting side stories about the Xterra is what it'll do in Nissan showrooms. In size and capability, it's not very different from Nissan's long-standing Pathfinder sport-utility. The Pathfinder got substantial revisions as a 1999½ model, and now Nissan is pushing it as a premium product.

That means it got new sheet metal, a quieter ride, better handling and a higher price tag. Two-wheel-drive XE models start at \$26,300, while four-wheel-drive LE models begin at \$31,200.

Nissan is predicting annual Pathfinder sales of 65,000 a year and annual Xterra sales of 50,000 to 60,000. Don't be surprised if those two figures reverse and the Xterra becomes the brand's top sport-utility.

Nuts and Bolts

What we drove: 2000 Nissan Xterra XE, a two-wheel-drive, four-door sport-utility with a 3.3-liter V-6 and a five-speed manual transmission.

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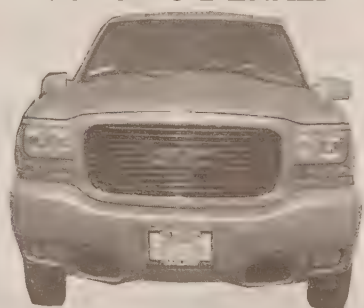
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# GMC's Envoy gets it right

## Truck maker weighs in on luxury vehicle competition

By Ann M. Job  
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Luxury vehicles aren't only at Cadillac, Mercedes-Benz and Lexus. Now truck maker GMC has joined the fray.

In fact, GMC dedicates one nameplate, the Envoy, as a luxury brand in the compact sport utility market. The 1999 Envoy comes only one year after GMC introduced its SUV buyers who really don't mind roughing it. And except for an optional \$750 sunroof, it has only one price: \$34,975 as the starting manufacturer's suggested retail price including destination charge.

Some of these luxury features are readily available on other compact SUVs, things like zebrawood and high-intensity discharge lamps.

Zebrawood, a richly grained brown zebrawood, is typically found in Cadillacs. HID lamps, which put out 2.7 times more light than a halogen bulb for better road illumination, are more commonly found on high-end luxury cars — not on a compact SUV.

The five-passenger, four-door Envoy is maneuverable, and it's loaded. It's built at the same plant as GMC's four-door Blazer. In fact, when my dad saw the Envoy, he thought it was a Blazer.

To be sure, GMC has worked to differentiate the Envoy from the Blazer and, for that matter, the other GMC SUVs. The Envoy has a different styling of the Blazer and, for that matter, the other GMC SUVs. The Envoy has a different styling of the Blazer and, for that matter, the other GMC SUVs.

Inside, the changes are more apparent. Seats are covered with soft, napa leather, and front head restraints have "Envoy" stitched into them for extra style. Front seats are heated, and boy, do they heat up fast! The rear seat backs have the easy-fold-down mechanism I've seen on other SUVs. One pull on a lever, each seat moves down, the head restraint automatically flips back and out of way, and a carpeted flap slides place — all to provide a flat, cubby-foot cargo floor. Keep your rear seat away from the head restraint or you'll get what you deserve: a whack. Ouch!

Other luxuries, in addition to the wood on the center console and every door, include a HomeLink system that can be programmed to open your garage door and home

### 1999 GMC ENVOY 4WD

Base Price: \$33,700.

As Tested: \$34,975.

Type: Front-engine, four-wheel drive, five-passenger, compact sport utility vehicle.

Engine: 4.3-liter, Vortec V-6.

Mileage: 16 mpg city, 20 mpg highway.

Top Speed: NA.

Length: 183.8 inches.

Wheelbase: 107 inches.

Curb Wt.: 4,049 pounds.

Options: Power sunroof, \$750.

Destination Charge: \$525.

gates is standard. The premium, AM-FM sound system is from Bose, just like that in the Chevy Corvette and Gulfstream V business jets. It's impressive, believe me.

Side windows provide decent visibility and go down all the way, even on the rear doors.

At the back of the Envoy is a standard air-supply system, with a hose and assorted inflator nozzles so you can quickly inflate bicycle tires, rafts, air mattresses and beach balls. It stems from the Envoy's automatic load-leveling rear suspension, where an air compressor raises or lowers the rear shocks according to the load the vehicle is carrying or towing.

Like the Blazer and several other General Motors Corp. SUVs and trucks, Envoy comes with AutoTrac. It lets drivers move to four-wheel drive into high or low by the touch of a button. There's also an "auto" mode in which the vehicle decides when four-wheel drive is needed and automatically makes the change.

Since the Envoy is based on a platform that is several years old, you'll find that even though it's compact it rides with a good amount of body sway. It can handle quite aggressively and still stay on the road, but most drivers may opt for a more cautious driving style.

Bumps come through to the passengers, usually as mild jostling or vibration. But on rougher roads, the Envoy seems to buck some, and sometimes there's a sense that the front and rear suspensions aren't reacting the same way to road bumps. The front suspension is an independent torsion bar; the rear has semi-elliptic, two-stage, multi-leaf springs.

I have no complaints about the

Envoy's power. The Vortec V-6 is responsive, with 190 horsepower at 4,400 rpm and 250 foot-pounds of torque at 2,800 rpm.

The four-speed automatic transmission includes a tow-haul mode that can help regulate the transmission shifting for big loads.

There's a bit of wind noise at highway speed that seems to come from around the big side mirrors. Road noise is kept to a minimum. The only time I noticed anything was when newly poured concrete prompted a "whir" sound from the tires.

The 15-inch tires look small and unimpressive. Two competitors, Jeep's Grand Cherokee Limited and the Ford Explorer Limited, come with standard 16-inchers.

This self-described luxury vehicle also has small rear floor mats, rectangles about big enough for two feet. If you reposition your legs, you literally have to move the mat in order to keep from soiling the carpet.

This upscale SUV also lacks adjustable shoulder belts — even for front-seat passengers. The middle seat in the back has neither a head restraint nor shoulder belt.

The test vehicle, with 9,200 miles, already had interior trim that didn't seem to be well-positioned.

Watch those door sills after a rain. Water collected there on the test car and messed my pants-cuffs as I got inside. The same was true for the sizable rear step bumper.

While you're at the rear, notice the rubber stops for the lift-gate. They are positioned right where the cargo opening is, so they can catch on things as you load. These stops even had grease on them on my Envoy, making it even more important to avoid them.

GMC does not provide Envoy sales separate from the Jimmy's. Through the first six months of 1999, combined sales were down 6.2 percent from 1998, to 36,794.

GMC said Envoy buyers are more educated and affluent than Jimmy buyers, with median age of 42 and a household income of \$100,000-plus. Half are women and most have college degrees.

The Explorer Limited 4WD with 210-hp, 4-liter, single overhead cam V-6 has a starting MSRP plus destination charge of \$34,485. The Grand Cherokee Limited with 195-hp, 4-liter, overhead valve V-6 starts at \$34,715. Both offer optional V-8 engines.

Consumer Reports does not list owner trouble complaints on the Envoy. The Jimmy had ranked worse or much worse than average in owner complaints in the 1991-97 model years and average in 1998.

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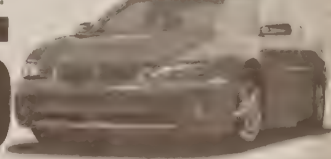


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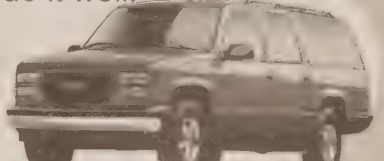
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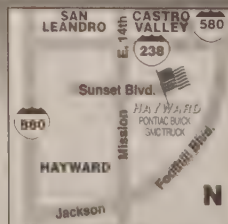
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# Saturn goes for big slice of the market pie with L-Series

General Motors has reaped both praise and scorn for creating the Saturn brand. Some analysts say that GM already had too many brands and didn't need another. Others have praised the world's biggest carmaker for creating an auto brand that has become an icon for customer satisfaction.

In fact, the Saturn reputation has been created more with how it treats customers than with the vehicles it sells. During its first decade, Saturn only sold compacts: a sedan, coupe and station wagon. That was enough to create an almost cult-like following of two million customers who get the best treatment from the manufacturer and dealer in the auto market.

Now Saturn is readying new products designed to entice an even bigger universe of buyers. Its new mid-size LS sedan and LW wagon take dead aim at the most popular cars in the U.S. — Toyota Camry and Honda Accord.

In fact, Saturn chairman Cynthia Trudell expects two-thirds of the buyers for the new models to come from the ranks of customers who would otherwise buy a Honda, Toyota or other imported car.

About three-quarters of its compacts are now sold to customers who would have purchased imports if Saturn didn't exist. The vast majority of Saturn's customers would not otherwise purchase a GM car, Trudell says. She is hoping that the same holds true for the new larger vehicles.

## Down the Road

By Herb Shuldiner

That would mean predominantly incremental business for GM, rather than swiping sales from Chevrolet, Pontiac or GM divisions.

The new Saturns are based roughly on the chassis architecture of the Opel Vectra, a car built by GM in Europe. But the mid-size Saturn models use only about 130 parts in common with the Vectra. Those parts are mostly fittings, small hoses and other generic parts. Overall, the LS and LW share less than 10 percent of parts numbers with the Opel Vectra.

Trudell says that the new mid-size Saturn models have the potential to double the company's sales. Saturn has acquired a GM factory in Wilmington, Del. to assemble the mid-size cars.

The Wilmington plant has the capacity to build more than 250,000 cars and wagons annually. Of course, Trudell doesn't expect Saturn to sell that many in the first year. There's a strong hope, however, that Saturn will eventually be able to sell the entire output.

Current Saturn buyers will recognize some features in the bigger cars. Most notable are the ding-proof plastic side panels that have become such a distinguishing feature of the compacts. Saturn does have lots of new features in the mid-size cars. The base



IT WILL TAKE more than hardware for Saturn to continue succeeding in drawing buyers away from the Asian brands.

engine is a totally new 2.2-liter four-cylinder unit designed by Saturn. Eventually other GM cars will get this engine, but Saturn gets it first.

There's an optional 3.0-liter V6 that's used in the Opel Omega, Cadillac Catera and Saab 9-5. The new Sat-

urn also borrows a five-speed manual transmission from Saab.

Saturn says about half of the mid-size models will be built with the four-cylinder engine in the first year, but that will climb to nearly 70 percent later.

The mid-size Saturn faces the stiffest possible competition in the auto industry. In addition to Camry and Accord, there are many good cars in this segment, including several from other GM divisions. Saturn's mission is to draw its customers

mostly from the ranks of customers who would otherwise buy Japanese or Korean cars. It will take more than hardware for Saturn to continue succeeding in drawing buyers away from the Asian brands.

Saturn's no-haggle pricing environment is something that customers don't have. This is especially attractive to women buyers who feel intimidated by salesmen in showrooms.

In fact, Saturn has encouraged its dealers to offer a percentage of female sales. Saturn will also offer more friendly for women. Saturn's reputation for good customer service is one of its strengths. Saturn's reputation for good customer service is one of its strengths. Saturn's reputation for good customer service is one of its strengths.

Saturn will also benefit from its new models to offer. Saturn has only been able to compete in 17 percent of the market with its compacts. The new models account for 24 percent of the car market.

The new models will allow Saturn to compete in 41 percent of the light vehicle market. Saturn will also offer more models, including a sport utility vehicle. That will enable Saturn to offer products in many segments, allowing it to grow into a major company.

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meetings as announced. Hotline: 925-556-4GGC or www.ggc-bmw-cca.org

### BMW Vintage Club of America

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Attn: Tom Graham

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E-mail: mjprp@hotcoco.infi.net  
Meeting/outing: Second Saturday

each month, Burger Road, Pleasant Hill. Monthly newsletter with technical tips, calendar of events, reports, flyers from related events, list of establishments for club discounts, want ads and more. Annual car show, fall club outing, technical workshops. Membership \$20/year.

### MG Owners' Club (MGOC)

Correspondence secretary: George

Annual event is Vette Mar race event early June.

### North American Singer Club

6211 Westwood Way  
Oakland, CA 94611  
Attn: Jonas Waxman  
(510) 339-1556  
singer4ad@aol.com

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Membership: Ben Lantz  
719 Wichtaw Dr.  
Fremont, CA 94539  
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Meetings: Third Wednesday of the month, location varies.

## Bay Area gas prices dipping — for now

By Teena Massingill  
CONTRA COSTA NEWSPAPERS

Bay Area drivers, go directly to the closest fueling station.

Gasoline prices that crept downward in the last few weeks are likely to do an about-face, and this time, the oil refineries aren't to blame for the next price increase that will likely affect the entire country.

Though the supply of gasoline coming from the refineries is healthy, the cost of crude oil exported from Middle Eastern oil countries to make gasoline is likely to keep rising as OPEC continues to cut oil production.

Most gasoline produced in California is made with Alaska Slope crude oil, not imported oil. But OPEC's decision probably will affect oil prices in other countries, said Paul Moreno, public affairs representative for AAA of Northern California.

"It's a world market and some countries that consume oil have a choice of what type to buy. So if OPEC raises its price for a barrel of oil, suddenly everybody runs to buy Alaska Slope Crude, which then makes (oil from Alaska) more valuable," Moreno said.

But before more expensive oil affects the cost of gasoline in California, motorists will see

slightly more affordable prices at the pump.

According to the monthly gas price survey conducted by the AAA of Northern California, the average price for a gallon of unleaded self-serve gasoline in the Bay Area is \$1.60, down 6 cents from the Aug. 24 survey. Individual cities have seen the following changes:

- Antioch: \$1.49, down 11 cents
- Concord: \$1.46, down 11 cents
- Berkeley: \$1.65, down 3 cents
- Oakland: \$1.59, down 5 cents
- Richmond: \$1.58, down 8 cents
- Walnut Creek: \$1.58, down 9 cents

Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (CA4WDC) in Sacramento.

Meetings first Tuesday of every month 7:30 p.m. at Round Table Pizza, Martinez, Pine St. exit off Hwy. 4. Guests are encouraged and welcome.

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PO Box 5824  
Concord, CA 94524  
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President: Jim Neylan (925) 676-0873

### Diablo Valley Mustang Association

President: Mike Weldon  
Web site: www.jps/dvma  
Meetings: Second Wednesday each month at Fuddrucker's, the Wilfords, Diamond Blvd., Concord. Mustangs of all years.

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PO Box 525  
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### National Auto Sport Association

PO Box 21555  
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Sharon Evans, social director, 510-538-8716  
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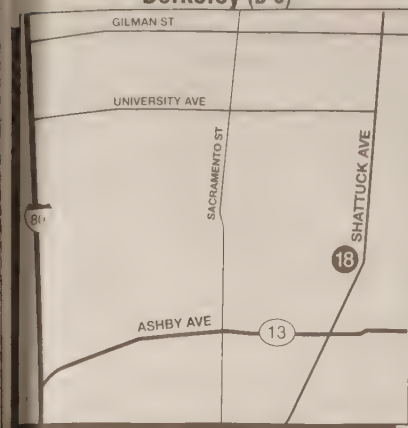
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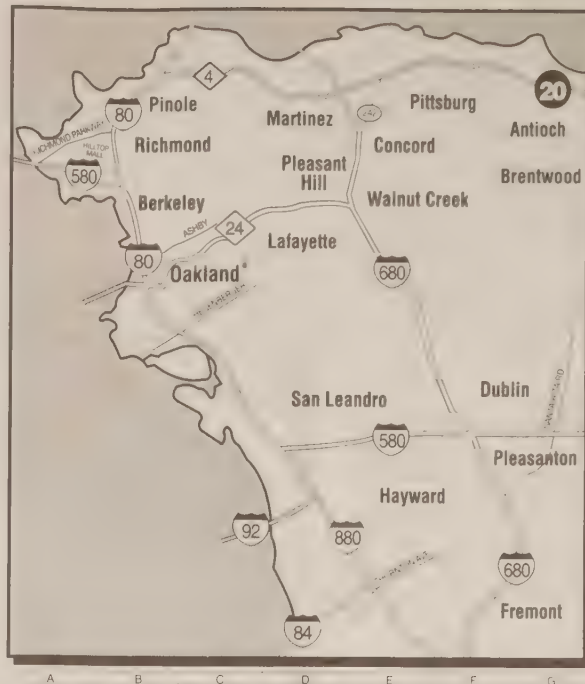
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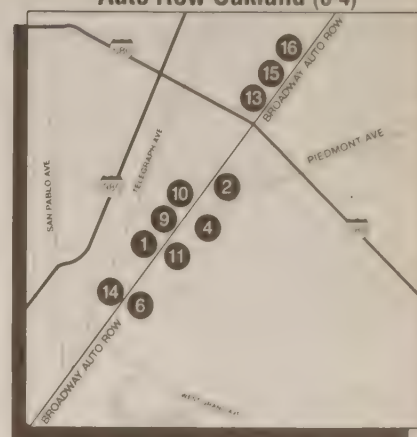
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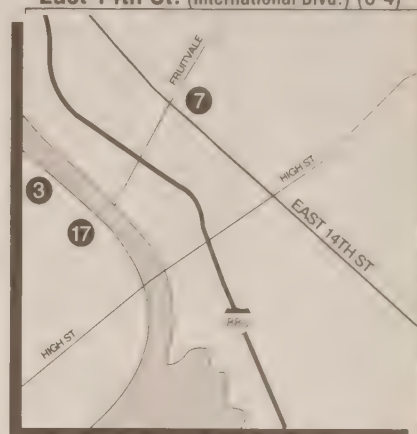
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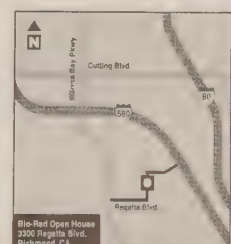
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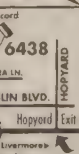
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- Provide local jobs for Tri-Valley residents
- Attract qualified job candidates to meet the needs of local businesses
- Promote Tri-Valley businesses and the economic vitality and quality of life in the region
- Establish the Tri-Valley region as an independent employment center and an alternative to working in the Silicon Valley or San Francisco

To achieve these objectives, the Career Expo features only employers located in the Tri-Valley Region. Also, marketing programs to attract job candidates to the Expo are concentrated on local residents or those commuting through the region to jobs elsewhere. The Council wants to educate the Bay Area on the benefits and career opportunities available to those who live and work in the Tri-Valley region. The marketing programs also focus on quality of life advantages inherent in shorter commutes - spending time with your family or pursuing personal interests rather than wasting it on the Sunol Grade.

The formula works. This is the seventh Expo sponsored by the Business Council. The events have drawn an average of over 2500 candidates and over 50% of the candidates from each of the events have been Tri-Valley residents, with the vast remainder of those who commute through the region. Only one to two percent are from Santa Clara County. The message is quite clear

People who live in the Tri-Valley want to work in the Tri-Valley. Also, employers seem to be pleased with the event - over 80% of the 24 who participated in October 1998 returned for the April 1999 Expo.

(For employer testimonials contact Allen Nickerson of Legato Systems (formally Intelliguard) at 925-875-8005 x1248; Cindy Pukatch of Pacific Bell at 925-227-3118; and Jocelyn Chandler of Nelson Staffing Solutions at 925-210-6158.)

To deal with longer-term workforce opportunities the Business Council established the Workforce Initiative Committee. This committee is chaired by Darrel Garner, VP, Western Operations, Klein Technologies, Inc. This committee is currently working to define skills and education requirements for entry-level positions of all levels of jobs in the key Tri-Valley business clusters. This information will be used to expose K-12 educators, students and parents to the wide range of career opportunities within the Tri-Valley. The committee is also responsible for working with business and education to identify core curriculum and specialized education programs required to meet employer needs and to provide life-long learning opportunities for a high tech workforce

The Council's Education Committee, chaired by Steve Tanne, President, Tanner Insurance Brokers, is involved in the Regional School-to-Career Program, has co-sponsored a Regional Work Keys Pilot Program, and is co-sponsor of the annual Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair. All of these efforts assist students, parents and educators to become more knowledgeable of career opportunities and job requirements in the local area

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He blames a narcissistic culture for the lack of creative, entrepreneurial young people. "Television was their baby sitter. They became passive learners."

"The biggest problem is that today's young men and women talk too much about themselves without asking the prospective employer what he or she needs."

Miller says he sometimes recommends acting lessons for job hunters. "It teaches how to have an objective, look for cues, use body language,

develop conversational skills, be present, and it builds self-confidence."

He also points to the standards in interview prep: Research the company and the industry.

Show interest in the company. Talk to people who work there. Find out about the company's culture — how their people dress, communicate, and how it presents its image.

Find out about the person who will be interviewing you. Pay attention to how the interviewer reacts, to pick up cues about what you should be talking about. Demonstrate to your interviewer that you have goals, that you think strategically, that you're not random in your approach. And think positively.

When discussing your qualifications, relate your experience to the job you're seeking. Tell the interviewer what you learned from your previous work. Be sure to mention your knowledge of computer skills. Miller counsels job seekers to keep in mind that how they handle themselves in the interview reflects what kind of employees they will make.

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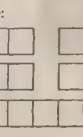



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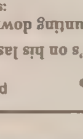
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## Risotto is focus of passion for cooks and diners

By Kathryn Matthews  
FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

NEW YORK — Risotto, the tasty Italian specialty increasingly found on restaurant menus, Italian or otherwise, inspires ardent devotion in its addicts. Can rice really incite passion? Apparently, yes. "Risotto requires passion, precisely because it is not a dish that comes out in five or 10 minutes," says Luca Marcato, chef-owner of Luca, a Manhattan restaurant.

Risotto is a traditional northern Italian staple made by combining a short-grain, highly glutinous rice, such as Arborio, with wine, broth and a few other choice ingredients. It is labor-intensive, requiring about 25 minutes of the cook's undivided attention plus the upper-arm strength of a Sumo wrestler.

But the end result, a rich, refined, creamy yet slightly chewy rice dish, an amalgam of aromatic flavors and textures, rates high both as a culinary achievement and as a favorite comfort food.

According to Judith Barrett and Norma Wasserman, authors of "Risotto" (Macmillan, 1987), the exact origins of risotto escape food historians, but legend has it that the first risotto made its debut in Milan around 1574.

It was hailed as "Risus optimus" (Latin for "excellent rice"). To this day, Milan is known for its risotto alla milanese, the saffron-based version that is a traditional accompaniment to osso buco (braised veal shanks).

Arborio rice, a "superfino" rice, is the most commonly available Italian rice and very usable for risottos, says Micol Negrin, culinary director of the Italian Culinary Center in Manhattan and editor of La Cucina Italiana magazine.

Specialists assert that pricey Carnaroli, a heavy, highly polished grain considered the aristocrat of Italian rice, yields an exceptionally creamy risotto. Other chefs prefer Vialone Nano, maintaining that this stubby, egg-shaped grain holds its shape well during cooking because of its high starch content.

Risotto has come a long way since it first began cropping up on Italian restaurant menus in this country in the mid-1980s. For one thing, more diners are well-traveled, and know how a good risotto should taste.

When New York City-based chef-consultant Gianni Scappin was a young chef at Manhattan's Castellano (among one of the first Italian restaurants



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THE SEAFOOD RISOTTO shown here, a stylish version of the classic Italian rice dish, is ready to be served at Luca, a Manhattan restaurant. Risotto is increasingly popular with diners and with home cooks.

to put risotto on the menu in 1985), he recalls how "faux" risottos began popping up around town.

"Some restaurants would blend regular long-grain rice or Uncle Ben's with a lot of cream and butter, then call it 'risotto,' and people who ate it didn't know any better."

Some chefs use widely diverse ingredients ranging from strawberries and radicchio to rabbit in their risottos. But most chefs offer variations on traditional risottos. And with good reason: Risotto is a time-consuming dish, even when it's partially cooked in advance. Chefs are conscious of which flavor com-

binations sell and which don't.

Scappin, who has opened restaurants across the country, reports that wild mushroom, lobster and

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# What's crunchy, sweet and tangy with a radish flavor



KOHLRABI IS A TUBER RELATED to both cabbage and turnips, all three being members of the Brassica family.

By Richard W. Langer  
N.Y. TIMES NEWS SERVICE

There's a gardener's joke from the 1950s about Russian geneticists trying to develop a cross between cabbages and turnips to double their harvest. They ended with a new vegetable that had the roots of a cabbage and the top of a turnip.

In truth, as any East European could have told you then, the perfect double-crop vegetable already existed: kohlrabi.

Kohlrabi is, in fact, a tuber related to both cabbage and turnip, all three being members of the Brassica family. The dual character of the vegetable is reflected even further in the fact that crunchy, sweet, tangy kohlrabi is the same vegetable as the woody, stringy, bitter variety that so often turns people off kohlrabi. The difference lies in the freshness of the bulb.

The best way to assure freshness is to harvest the sputnik-like bulbs young, and just before dinner.

Choose small to medium bulbs, less than 2.5 inches in diameter, that have no soft spots or signs of cracking and no yellowing of the leaves, even at the tips. The bulbs can be green or purple but will taste much the same: nothing like cabbage or turnip.

One reason kohlrabi has not developed the following it deserves in this country is that the bulbs are too often overcooked and served with a lumpy cream sauce. Properly cooked, kohlrabi makes a truly tasty side dish.

Sauteed kohlrabi, for instance, using the root grated and teamed with butter, garlic, parsley and lemon juice, makes for a quick, fla-

vorful skillet dish. Another great way to serve it is baked, with thinly sliced roots interlayered between the leaves and topped with a cheese mixture of fontina and something sharper like asiago.

But when it is raw, served as a slaw or other salad, this sweet, radish-flavor vegetable really shines. Even our son, Revell, who would ordinarily prefer never to have his fork touch a salad, actually enjoys this one, liberally doused with a honey-ginger dressing.

The leaves, which are reminiscent of collard greens and kale in flavor, are excellent prepared any way that spinach is prepared. Torn off the stems and tossed in at the last minute, they are also a fine addition to soups.

In the garden, kohlrabi that is both ornamental and edible is an easy-to-grow, low-maintenance crop. Get seeds of both the green and the violet kind for visual variety; they produce a checkerboard of color.

The soil for kohlrabi needs to be a rich one, into which you've worked manure, compost or other organic matter. Sow the seeds directly into the soil about half an inch deep. Don't let them dry out, and they will germinate in 10 days or so. The plants need to be thinned to four inches apart as they grow, and they thrive surrounded by mulch in cool, moist soil. Hence,

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1. To make the dressing, mix the honey and mustard well blended. Add vinegar until smooth. Grate kohlrabi. Set aside.  
2. Trim and peel the kohlrabi bulbs, making sure enough of the skin to woody layer just beneath the skin.  
3. Shred kohlrabi into quarters the size of quarters. Slice the quarters into among four plates.

4. Sprinkle the kohlrabi with the dressing just before serving. Yield: 4 servings.  
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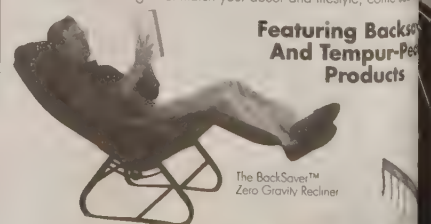
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# Smoker bags flavor food, not house

By Amanda Hesser  
N.Y. TIMES NEWS SERVICE

There is a single problem inherent in smoking food: the smoke. As much as one may like the smoky aroma, the amount of smoke created to achieve that effect is enormous.

Smoking outdoors is not generally a problem — both you and the food will have a smoky aroma; the rest will dissipate. But if you have a stove-top smoker, you can expect your house to smell of smoke for a good week after using it.

A solution is upon us. Hope Smoke, a company in Finland, has developed a smoker bag, a smoking food in the oven. The product, called Savu (pronounced SAH-voov) — which means "smoke" in Finnish — is a clever invention. You take fish fillets, chicken or steaks, and place them in a shallow baking dish. Slide the dish the aluminum smoker bag, fold the bag to place it on a baking sheet, and put it in the oven.

When the food is done cooking, you let the bag rest on a counter for about 10 minutes, then pierce the bag and peel it back. The food is nicely smoked, as your nose will tell you; you do not see any smoke.

Even a good inspection of the slim, 11-by-11-inch bag fails to reveal the mysterious smoking process; there are no wood chips rattling around inside it. The design is actually quite



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simple. A mixture of powdered alder wood, beet sugar and wood resin is sealed within the bag, out of contact with the food. As it bakes, the alder, which is indigenous to Finland, quickly

burns and fills the sealed bag with a mild-flavored smoke.

The packages, which come in light, medium and strong smoke strengths, are sturdy and easy to use but are not without flaw. I found the cooking times provided in the instruction pamphlet far too long. The cooking chart instructs you to cook a pound of chops for 40 minutes at 475 degrees using a strong bag. Suspicious, I baked a pound of pork chops for 35 minutes. They were overcooked.

For fish fillets, the pamphlet suggests 50 minutes. The salmon fillet I had bought was thin, so I baked it for just 20 minutes. Again, it was overcooked and dry. I had also used a strong smoke bag; next time, with salmon, I would use a weaker-strength bag.

In fact, the company's Web site suggests using a medium bag for fish; a strong bag for meats like lamb, beef and pork, and a light bag for chicken or vegetables. But it also says that if you want a stronger smoke flavor for fish, to use a strong bag. It's an inexact science.

But these matters are worth tinkering with. The flavor you get is that of real wood chips, not chemicals. And it beats messing with a stove-top smoker that is big, clunky and, well, smokey.

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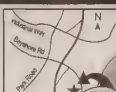
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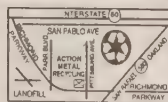
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Pear Wild-Rice Cakes offer an unusual combination of flavors. The pear and blue cheese in the recipe complement the nutty taste of the wild rice. Except for the time it takes to cook the wild rice — which can be done a day or two ahead — this is a very quick and easy recipe. Serve as a piquant side dish, as a buffet dish with cocktails or dinner, or add to a party spread.

### Pear Wild-Rice Cakes

3 eggs, beaten  
1 tablespoon Dijon-Style mustard  
¼ cup flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon dried thyme, crushed  
¼ teaspoon ground pepper  
2½ cups cooked, chilled wild rice (see note)  
1 cup cored and chopped pear  
½ cup crumbled mild blue cheese  
¼ cup chopped hazelnuts  
¼ cup chopped shallots  
¼ cup chopped parsley  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
Blend eggs, mustard, flour, salt, thyme and pepper with a fork or whisk until smooth. Add wild rice, pear, cheese, hazelnuts, shallots and parsley; mix well. Heat skillet over medium heat; brush with olive oil. Cook rounded tablespoonfuls of the rice mixture about 3 minutes per side or until browned on both sides.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

**Note:** To cook wild rice, rinse and drain 1 cup wild rice. Add wild rice and ½ teaspoon salt to 3½ cups boiling water. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 35 to 45 minutes or until tender and some kernels puff open. Drain. Makes 2½ cups.

**Nutritional facts per serving:** 191 cal., 7.2 g pro., 9.9 g fat, 19.4 g carb., 75 mg chol., 2.3 g fiber, 467 mg sodium.

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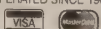
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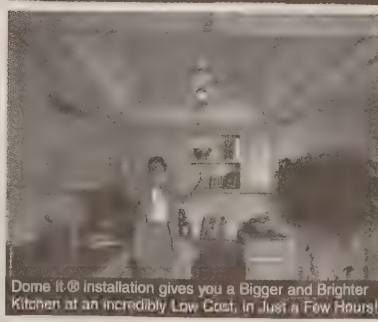
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# Food-related idioms reveal something about our appetites

By Beverly Bundy  
PORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

Food is not just in our pantries on our plates. It's all over our language. Look at this smorgasbord of idioms, showcasing our appetites.

**BAKER'S DOZEN**  
Definition: 13  
Origin: Consumers have always been their bread quite seriously. In 1200s, the English enacted a law that bakers must deliver a pound's worth of bread for a pound's worth of money. Because scales were imprecise, bakers would throw in an extra piece of bread to ensure that they met the weight allowance.

**BELOW THE SALT**  
Definition: Not up to snuff; the lower echelon.  
Origin: Can be traced to the 1600s, when the salt cellar was used in the middle of the long dining table. The master and the esteemed members of the group sat one end of the table, "above the salt," and the polloi sat at the other, "below the salt."

**CUT THE MUSTARD**  
Definition: Make the grade.  
Origin: At the beginning of the century, "to be the proper mustard" meant to be the real deal, probably because some mustard of the time

was less than pure. Short-story master O. Henry used the phrase: "I looked around and found a preposition that exactly cut the mustard."

**SALAD DAYS**  
Definition: Period when one is young and naive.  
Origin: Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra."

"My salad days, When I was green in judgment, and cold in blood."

— Cleopatra explaining away her affair with Julius Caesar

**TOP BANANA**  
Definition: Head honcho.  
Origin: From the vaudeville practice of the show's lead comedian carrying a soft club with which he banged and derided other performers.

**A CHICKEN IN EVERY POT**  
Definition: A prosperous time.  
Origin: A quote from Henry IV of France (1553-1610).

"I want there to be no peasant in my kingdom so poor that he is unable to have a chicken in his pot every Sunday." Farmers for centuries avoided butchering their chickens because money could be made from selling the eggs.

**PIE IN THE SKY**  
Definition: An ideal that will most

likely never occur.

Origin: From the song "Preacher and the Slave" by Joe Hill, from a collection from Industrial Workers of the World (1911).

"You will eat, bye and bye, In that glorious land above the sky;

Work and pray, live on hay, You'll get pie in the sky when you die."

**CABBAGES AND KINGS**  
Definition: Unrelated items.

Origin: From Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass," (1871)

"The time has come," the Walrus said,

"To talk of many things: Of shoes, and ships, and sealing wax,

Of cabbages — and kings And why the sea is boiling hot And whether pigs have wings."

**APPLE OF MY EYE**  
Definition: What, or whom, one holds dearest.

Origin: In mythology, it was believed that the pupil of the eye was a solid round body, and so it was called the "apple" of the eye. An injury to the pupil would cause blindness; so the pupil ("the apple") became "that which one holds dearest."

**DUCK SOUP**

Definition: Easy.

Origin: The ease with which a hunter can shoot a duck sitting on water.

**NOT KNOW BEANS**

Definition: Clueless.

Origin: Beans show up often in English — a hill of beans, spill the beans, use the old bean. "To not know beans" has a couple of possible roots. One is from the British, who use the phrase "to know how many beans make five," derived from the centuries-old practice of teaching children to count by using beans. The saying has been tied to Boston, where everyone knows beans.

**APPLE POLISHER**

Definition: Flatterer.

Origin: This one probably goes back to the Garden of Eden, when that wily snake made the apple look so enticing. But as children began taking apples to their teachers, the term came into modern usage.

**TAKE THE CAKE**

Definition: Deserve top honors.

Origin: At one time a "cake" meant a prize or award. In the mid-1800s, African-Americans came up with the cakewalk, an event in which couples competed with grace and style for the prize: a cake.

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# An apple a day: 30 things to do with apples

By Kathleen Purvis  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Talk about a fruit of legendary proportions.

There's Eve and the apple. Helen of Troy and the apple. Even Hercules tried to get a golden apple. Is there any other food that inspires this kind of devotion? Nobody tells stories about Johnny Eggplant-seed.

So, with fall and apple season on the way, we wondered: Where do we begin? And we answered ourselves: At the beginning. To mark the 30 days of September, we came up with 30 things to do with apples.

Apple picking to apple pie, apple games to apple legends. There should be enough here to keep you busy right into October. If you play your cards right, you might be able to keep the doctor away for years.

1. Start out right: Take a moment to look at a medium apple and think about what you get from it: 80 calories, 5 percent of your daily need for potassium, 20 percent of your dietary fiber, 2 percent of your vitamin A and iron and 8 percent of your vitamin C. Plus, a recent study at the University of California, Davis Medical Center found that antioxidants in apples and apple juice may reduce the damage caused by bad cholesterol and protect you against heart disease.

2. Go get some: Take yourself and any handy children to an apple farm. Find a few places where you can either pick your own or buy them fresh. (Call the farms for picking hours and directions.)

3. Make sure you picked the right amount of apples: 1 pound of fresh apples is usually two large, three medium or four small apples, or about 2 cups of sliced apple.

4. Store those apples you picked properly. Refrigerate them in a plastic bag or put them in a cool, dark place. And try to keep them from touching each other. They'll last longer.

5. The powdered pectin you buy to make jelly is actually made from apple trimmings. To make your own liquid version, put the peels, cores and seeds from 2 pounds of apples into a saucepan with 4 cups of water. Bring to a boil and boil for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Strain, pressing on the solids. The liquid can be used to thicken jellies and sauces, although you'll have to experiment to find the right ratio.

6. Make like a pioneer and dry your own apples. Dehydrators work well — and so does the sun — but it can be done in an oven. Use tart, firm apples. Peel and core them, then cut into thin rings about 1/4-inch thick. Spread the slices on baking sheets and place in the oven on its lowest setting for about 8 hours, checking the slices occasionally.

7. Applesauce is so simple, you don't need a recipe. Peel, quarter and core about 4 pounds of apples. Put in a large saucepan with about 1 cup of water, cover and cook over medium-low heat until the apples are falling apart, about 30 minutes. Cool, then puree in a blender or food processor. Refrigerate for several days, or freeze. If you want to

get fancy, add the juice of 1 lemon, 1 cinnamon stick or a handful of cinnamon candies while cooking the apples. If you add sugar, remember that sugar makes apples hold their shape. For chunkier applesauce, add it at the beginning. For smooth, add it at the end.

8. It's as French as apple pie: Make a classic Tarte Aux Pommes.

9. Where would our language be without apples? Make a list of all the apple-based sayings you can think of. We'll start you off: Apple-cheeked, apple polisher, apple of your eye, one bad apple.

10. Check your brown sugar: If it's hard, add an apple slice. The next day, the sugar will be soft again.

11. Make Beer and Cheese Soup. Why? Because it has apples in it. And because it is very tasty.

12. Have an apple tasting. Apple experts know that all apples are not created equal. For eating raw, look for Gala, Golden Delicious and Red Delicious. For sauces and pies: Gala, McIntosh, Red Rome and Early Gold. Good all-purpose apples: Jonagold, Jonathan, Cortland, Idared, Mutsu, Empire, Braeburn and Fuji.

13. Pay homage to New York — the Big Apple, of course. Make a crispy Waldorf Salad, which was invented by Oscar Tschirky, the maitre d' at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, in 1896.

14. Get in practice for Halloween: make caramel apples.

15. Still hungry? Get out your slow cooker and make a batch of Apple Butter.

16. Drop an apple. Did it hit the

ground? Good. Sir Isaac Newton's 1666 discovery must still be working.

17. Make Fresh Apple Bread and take it to your office or give it to a friend.

18. See if you can peel an apple in one continuous piece.

19. Now, take that long apple peel and drop it backward over your shoulder. According to legend, the shape it forms will be the initial of your true love. (In our experience, it will help a lot if you're in love with someone whose name starts with C, S or L.)

20. Ready to get messy? Gather all the kids you know, put a bunch of well-washed apples in a tub of water and teach them to bob for apples. When they look at you like you're crazy, explain that in colonial times, children would name the apples and the one they caught would be the name of the person they would marry. (Talk about your love apples.)

21. Impress your friends by showing you know what "pippin" and "russet" mean. Pippin is an apple off a tree grown from a seed. Russet is the harmless brown mottling on many older apple varieties.

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## RISOTTO

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wood risottos are predictable best-sellers. "At Luca's," Marcato says, "we understand. I'll do a lobster risotto — every once in a while, I'll make a smoked mozzarella and risotto wine risotto." He will do a new interpretation on a traditional style, but nothing crazy. "Another sign of risotto's popularity is that more people want to make it at home. Achieving the silken, fluid texture of a perfect risotto is no easy task for home cooks, even seasoned ones. "From shopping for the proper

rice to cooking risotto, making risotto is definitely more art than science," Scappin says. He is co-author of the forthcoming "Cucina & Famiglia" (Morrow) along with Joan Tropiano Tucci, whose son Stanley Tucci (of "Big Night" movie fame) also contributes to the book.

"Risotto is not just a rice dish, it's a way of cooking rice which is very specific, typically to northern Italy. It's a gradual kind of cooking where you add broth, little by little, to the rice, and it requires skill because you have to be able to look at what's happening to the rice when it's in the pan," says Negrin, who has observed at the culinary center's risotto demonstrations that "people are intimidated by making it."

But Marcato offers reassurance. "You get better every time you

make risotto because, over time, you develop a feeling for it."

The key to uniformly cooked risotto is stirring, with a wooden spoon. Shortcuts via oven or microwave are unanimously frowned upon.

"Stirring is important in distributing the liquid, so that the rice doesn't stick to the bottom of the pot... Risotto lacks soul if you cook it in a microwave — you're away from it, you're removed, you don't see what's happening," Negrin says. "And the most pleasurable aspect of making risotto comes from seeing the change the rice goes through as you add the broth to cook it."

Marcato agrees. "Risotto cooks on the stovetop and you have to be able to see it while it cooks. If you put risotto in the oven, that's

## APPLES

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Apples; one source is Applesource, www.applesource.com. Official sites of the Washington State Apple Commission, at www.apples.org, and the Apple Association, at www.usapple.org.

23. Here's a smooth move: Make an apple smoothie, from the book "Smoothies" (Chronicle, 1997): In a blender, combine 2 cups nonfat frozen yogurt, ¼ cup unsweetened applesauce, ¼ chilled apple, 1 cup frozen diced apple, ½ teaspoon cinnamon and ¼ teaspoon lemon juice. Blend until smooth.

24. Have a sack of potatoes ready? Some people say if you put an apple in the potatoes won't sprout.

25. An apple wants you to eat it

The fruit's seductive scent is designed to entice creatures to chow down — and spread its seeds.

26. If it's Sept. 26, it's the 225th birthday of John Chapman. If you have the room, honor Johnny Appleseed by planting an apple tree. Or you can sprout apple seeds. N.C. apple expert Creighton "Lee" Calhoun told us how: In the fall, plant several seeds about ½ inch deep in good soil and keep them moist but not wet. The seeds need the cold of winter before they'll sprout in the spring. And they will grow into trees, although their apples probably won't be the same as the ones that produced the seeds. For that, you need grafting.

27. It's not cold enough to give up grilling. For a nice fall dish, soak long bamboo skewers in water, then make shish kebabs by alternating apple wedges and sausage slices (we made this with the chicken and apple

sausage sold at many supermarkets). Brush the skewers lightly with maple syrup, then put over low to medium coals for about 10 minutes per side, until the apples are browned and the sausage is sizzling. Serve as an appetizer or as a main course.

28. Cut an apple in half around the middle. See the star formed by seeds? That's one reason apples were considered sacred in so many ancient cultures.

29. Look at that apple half again. See that circle around the seeds? That's one way to tell how ripe the apple was when it was picked. The circle moves outward as the apple matures. You can also judge ripeness by the seeds, which should be black or brown. If they're white, the apple wasn't ripe.

30. Rejoice — it's pumpkin season. Go make a pie.

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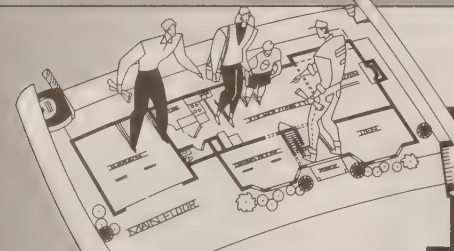
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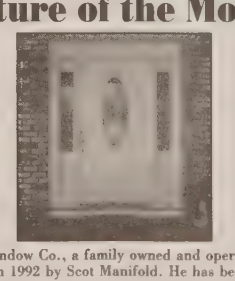
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Here are some tips from the National Kitchen & Bath Association (<http://www.nkba.org>) on designing your special gardening area.

## The Work Area

The potting area typically is the most used section of the area and is most likely to be the messiest, says Alice Hayes, a Certified Kitchen Designer (CKD) and Certified Bathroom Designer (CBD) from Stamford, Conn. "So it's a good idea to include materials that will maximize clean up."

First, the area should include a deep sink with a gooseneck faucet and spray attachment. If space in the kitchen doesn't permit a second sink, it can be included in an adjacent utility room.

Next, she suggests choosing an easy maintenance countertop material such as laminate or scratch-resistant solid surface, "as both are easy to clean and difficult to stain." Concrete also is a good choice and is easy to wash.

If you plan to sit while you work, incorporate a 30-inch high countertop and a seating space, much like a vanity area, for ease. If you prefer standing, NKBA recommends the countertop be between 39 inches and 42 inches from the floor.

"It's much easier to prune, inspect and clean plants at this height, as the foliage is closer to eye level," Hayes notes.



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## A Place for Everything

Not to be overlooked is storage for your equipment. Hayes suggests having a drawer for utensils and other small tools, open shelving or cabinets for storing pots, peg racks for baskets, even a pull-out or fold-out bin — much like a hamper — for storing soil.

When displaying your plants, the kitchen window offers unlimited

possibilities. If you don't need curtains for privacy, install wood or glass shelves across the window to adjacent wall cabinets.

If curtains are required, a cafe-type valance can provide privacy on the lower half of the window while shelves can be installed above to accommodate plants.

You also may consider designing a bay window or installing a

greenhouse window.

The National Kitchen & Bath Association can help with planning your kitchen and gardening center.

Get your complete remodeling kit, which includes the names of design specialists in your area, by calling NKBA at 800-401-NKBA (6522).

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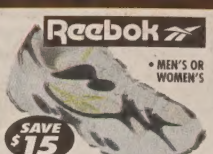
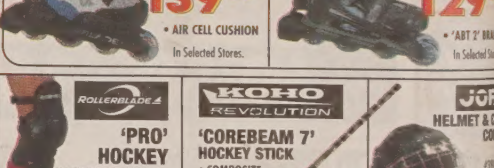
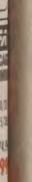
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